

VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
Commissioner's Meeting
Tuesday, May 6th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on May 6, 2025. In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Mark Graffam, Commissioner Nancy Cole, Commissioner Wooda McNiven, Forman Jeff DeMartino, Administrator Jennifer Scully & Ian Hayes with Simply Water.

The meeting was videotaped by Asia Morency.

Public Meeting

At 9:00am Commissioner Mark Graffam calls the meeting to order, adding that Wooda McNiven will be arriving a bit late for the meeting due to prior commitment.

1. Approval of Agenda

Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve May 6th agenda, adding that this meeting may be recessed for a driveway inspection. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 2-0.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 4/29/25. Nancy Cole 2nds and has one amendment. The motion is passed 2-0, with amendment.**

3. Approval of the Manifest

- **Operations – Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve the Operations Manifest adding and additional payment to Hoyt Concreate. Amended operations manifest total is \$3,043.94. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 2-0.**

4. DPW – Jeff DeMartino @ 9:05am

- **Spillway at the Dam is getting higher & with this week's rain, Jeff may pull a board.**
- **Jeff continues to monitor the Grison culvert and rate of water flow.**
- **Jeff wishes to thank the EPOA and the volunteers that helped with the Valley Clean-up.**
- **Scheduling for work needed on the 2018 Dodge keeps getting delayed at Marc Motors.**
- **Jeff has placed stakes to mark where porta-potties will be placed. Same as last year.**
- **Fallen tree removal & clean up on Upper Lake View.**
- **Road shoulders are still soft due to the rain.**
- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to allow Jeff to purchase more calcium to fill the tank so he may complete the roads that are ready for treatment. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- **Mark Graffam has received a vendor quote that would charge \$1.90 for calcium treatment.**
- **Jeff explains that the definition of "light grading" is that he must not grade very deep due to areas that need more gravel put down.**

- Wooda McNiven has found a lease/contract document from John Deere, but he needs more time to review to find warranty information.
- Mark Graffam held a video conference with three NH Homeland Security Emergency Management employees. Mark has submitted the 2023 Reimbursement Request Spreadsheet for about \$27,000.00. This includes man hours, equipment hours and material costs. This does not include the purchase and application of asphalt. Mark is considering contracting out the asphalt applications.
- Property owner on Aspen would like to have some fill, produced from the ditching of the roads.
- **Grison swale creation is a priority, and work will begin in the next couple of weeks and will take about two days, weather permitting. DPW has stone, and Mark Graffam makes a motion to allow Jeff to begin the construction of a 5-foot swale, as sketched and to purchase the required fabric. Nancy Cole 2nd and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**

5. Water – Ian Hayes with Simply Water @ 9:37am

- Muddy Beach well testing is completed, this round. Wells run to dry at about 40 gallons per minute at 60,000 gallons per day. It took a total of 11 days for the wells to run dry.
- Pump speeds may run manually, and the thought is to allow the DPW to adjust speed when they need to fill the truck water tanks.
- After a few days of recovery of the wells, mineral testing was done, and this includes a test for a uranium level. According to that test, the uranium level was acceptable and passed. Ph reading was low and Iron has always been present at the Muddy Beach wells. Ian suggests additional testing to help make additional decisions to address uranium at Muddy Beach.
- Historically Muddy Beach produces 15% of the total water supply and has never been the primary source for long periods of time.
- There is a small portion of property owners that are getting their water supply directly from Muddy Beach, when it is running and distributing.
- The abandoning of the Muddy Beach wells is no longer considered. The direction is to use an ion resin filtration system to extract uranium. Storage equipment would be smaller vessels, that would allow for easy removal for uranium disposal. The question we have is how long can this type of filtration last before it be removed and disposed of?
- Iron can hamper the extraction of uranium and consideration of filtering out the iron before it hits the uranium filtration may have to be considered. MB2 Well test showed the highest level of iron and use of this well may be altered.
- Wood McNiven advises that the Public Notice mailing, regarding the March 18th Uranium reading, is being mailed out today from Minuteman Press.
- If there was a need to run Muddy Beach into the system, notification would be going out the users.
- Mark Graffam has spoken with Bill Cleveland, President at Davis Hill and is waiting to hear back from David Cahill at Rock House Mountain. Both are contacts that use a uranium filtration system and have good references and can answer questions, based on their experiences.

- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to allow up to \$500.00 for Ian to complete any additional testing and to reach out to RE Prescott to obtain pricing on filtration equipment. Nancy 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- Ian advises that the bleeders are off, flushing of the water system will begin in the next few weeks and curb valves repairs are currently being planned. The damaged curb valve at the driveway at 32 Bern may be an old valve or belong to a different property. Ian will investigate this when he repairs it.
- Curb valve found for a property on Burgdorf has its water supplied from the Aspen water line.
- Mark Graffam proposes that Ian install isolation valves and adaptors on Aspen and Burgdorf.
- Communications from the SCADA System is still an issue. Tom from EII has not returned our inquiry calls. Ian will try and reach out to Tom directly. Ian suggests we reach out to other company contacts at EII as well. Ian names a company called A.D. Instruments that we could reach out to, should it be necessary.

6. Administrator's Report @ 10:54am

- Monthly Cash Flow report numbers are taken from the Bank Statements. Dinah Reiss was at the office last week pulling information for this report.

7. Signature Items

- Driveway Paving Application & review for Driveway Permit for Operations – 57 Eidelweiss Drive
 - Public meeting to recess to complete inspection
- Permit for Construction – 15 Blinden. **Mark Graffam makes a motion to approve and sign the permit for construction. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 3-0-0.**
- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to deny the Huttwil Parking request for the 30 days for a pop up camper trailer.**

8. Old Business/Tabled Items @ 11:12am

- **Green Space Auction** – The bid invitation must go out for sealed bid response by June 24th. **Mark Graffam makes a motion to amend the sealed bid response date to June 24th. Nancy Cole 2nds and the motion is passed 2-0. The winning bidder must make their payment to Alpine Title by July 8th. They must merge the lot with the town of Madison by December 10th.**

9. Commissioner's Concerns/Reports @ 11:17am

Nancy Cole

Nancy Cole makes a motion to have Clean Restroom Rentals deliver the porta potties on May 20th or May 21st. Mark Graffam 2nds and the motion is passed 2-0.

10. Recess @ 10:35am

- **Mark Graffam makes a motion to recess the public session and will re-convene at Edelweiss Dr. to complete a driveway inspection. Nancy 2nds and the motion is passed 2-0.**

To view the meeting on video, please click on the following link:

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