Village District of Eastman Annual Meeting Minutes March 21, 2013, Grantham Town Hall, 7:00 PM

<u>Present:</u> VDE Commissioners William Sullivan, Robert Fairweather, Duncan Wood, Treasurer David Wright, VDE Manager William Weber, VDE Office Manager Amy Lewis, VDE Moderator David Miller, VDE Legal Counsel Bernard Waugh and VDE Clerk Margaret Sullivan, Deputy Clerk Michele Donegan and David Mercer, Underwood Associates.

Supervisors of the Checklists:

Grantham: Janet Goodrow, Sandy Noordsy, Donna Stamper and Jane Taylor, Ballot Clerk Don Noordsy, Enfield:

James Gerding and Ballot Clerk Nancy White Springfield: Harriet Calloway and Nancy Adams

Assistant Moderator Lorie McClory and Assistant Ballot Clerks Rick Karash, Karen Ryan, Robert Kessler, Mary

Poisson and Joseph Poisson.

Moderator Miller declared the 2013 VDE Annual Meeting Open, at 7:05 PM, and stated voting will be open for 2 hours.

Geraldine Logan withdrew her name from the ballot.

<u>Moderator Miller</u> introduced Commissioners, VDE staff and other guests. He gave overview of the business to be undertaken and explained all voting procedures for the election, Warrant Articles, manner of discussion and debate, voter registration, speaking limits, microphone placements and procedures, no call of the question without adequate debate on the article, and written amendment.

Moderator Miller read Article 2 as written:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed Two-Hundred-Eighty-Thousand Dollars (\$280,000 projected balance as of 7/2/13) to be used for the sole purpose of paying off the debt associated with acquiring the Eastman Sewer Company and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$280,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to raise and appropriate Twenty-Five-Thousand-Five-Hundred-Seventy-Three Dollars (\$25,573) for the first year's debt payment. Said sum to be offset from sewer user fees and/or special assessment paid by the sewer customers only, with no amount raised or appropriated from general taxation.

Commissioner Wood moved to table Article 2 until after the vote on Article10 is taken and announced.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> explained Article 2 does not make sense unless Article 10 passes. Therefore Article 10 should be taken up before Article 2. VDE required by State Statute to have the bonding article listed at the start of the Warrant.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> moved Article #10 be taken up at this time. <u>Ed Jenik</u> 2nd.

VOICE VOTE: motion carried and is so ordered.

<u>Moderator Miller</u> explained when the Warrant was prepared the intent was to take care of the Water Articles first, then take up the Sewer Articles.

Moderator Miller read and explained Article 10:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar ($\frac{51.00}{}$) as the sale price for the purchase of the Eastman Sewer Company by the Village District of Eastman, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend this appropriation.

Commissioner Fairweather moved the adoption of Article 10.

Commissioner Wood 2nd.

Commissioner Wood spoke in favor of the Articles 10, 2 and 11 – 14. Gave status of the ESC and detailed his involvement and background as a civil engineer working with sewer and wastewater mgmt. Listed difficulties in ESC obtaining sewer rate increases to manage maintenance of system, under PUC regulatory system, and believes one village district to manage water and sewer is best for the Community. Real estate taxes no longer being considered as a means to improve sewer system. All expenses for sewer improvements and maintenance will be paid by user's fees and special assessments. Reviewed process VDE uses to obtain funding, through budgeting and the Annual Meeting, and mentioned Commissioner's meetings, held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, are open to all. Detailed by slide show, the "assets and components" of the present ESC. Said Articles 11, 12, 13, & 14 set up to handle each component of the ESC. Two challenges ahead - deferred maintenance & replacement and regulatory compliance under constantly evolving N.H. DES regulations. Concluded by asking attendees stay for entire meeting, citing need for action on budget articles 11 – 14, if article 10 passes, in order for merger to move forward.

Commissioner Fairweather spoke in support of Article 10. Thanked voters for attending. Described his roles as homeowner with septic system, condominium owner and sewer user, his service as Commissioner since 2007, and views as citizen of Eastman. Stated Sewer system needs to be fixed, cited incident of near contamination of the lake in summer 2012. It is proper for sewer users to bear all costs of upgrades and maintenance; citing homeowners with private septic systems bear all their own costs without aid. Believes merged district makes most sense for Community and is the right thing to do. Detailed numerous costs and duplication of effort that would occur, if a separate district had to be established, and funds that could be saved if merger passes. Gave lengthy steps and complicated processes necessary to establish a separate District that could be avoided, as the VDE already is authorized to handle these issues. Discussed the debt limit, debt service and savings offered by local bank, citing VDE excellent track record of financial dealings. Discussed sewer users questions of "under representation". Gave information gathered on Conway, NH and Enfield, NH merged districts and how well they operate. Discussed issue of "catastrophic failure" of sewer system and how community could handle this, in a merged district. Protection against fiscal liability in a merged district is that any bond issue needs a 2/3 vote of VDE voters to pass. He closed buy urging voters to vote in favor of Articles 10, 2 and 11 – 14.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke against Article 10. Mentioned recent letters on Eastman website from ECA Manager Ken Ryder and from Maynard Goldman. Feels selling sewer for \$1 is wrong, and that the proposed merger is being forced on the community without enough clear information, on all aspects, being available. Agrees community must get out from under PUC. Discussed the Commissioner's attempts to survey sewer customers for their own thoughts was met with no cooperation from ECA. Detailed difficulties over M.O.A. with the words "shall" and "will". Closed urging a no vote on Article 10.

Moderator Miller clarified procedures and time limits for speakers from the floor and declared the floor open.

<u>Robert Lagassa</u> spoke against Article 10. Gave history of VDE and Commissioner's positions, refuted some facts given by previous speakers, and gave his opposing views on separate tax districts and sewer user fees.

<u>Rick Karash</u> spoke in favor of article 10. Discussed his prior concerns over merger, but now is in favor of merged district. Stated action is needed, soon, for the good of the Community, and that there is a current board in place

willing to work out these issues. Mentioned the lengthy processes needed to establish separate district is not the way to go. Closed using a vote in favor of Article 10.

<u>Geraldine Logan</u> Long time resident of Eastman, detailed issues with property values and felt voters were being asked to decide something without enough clear information to make a good decision. Urged a no vote on Article 10.

<u>Henry Morneau</u> Chair, West Cove Special Place mentioned his area is largest group of sewer users, some not residents, so they cannot vote. Said sentiments of the group, (Approx. 40% of sewer users), are in favor of merger. Urges a yes vote on Article 10.

<u>Phil Schaefer</u> spoke in favor of a 2-district plan. Detailed his views on proposed merger, the lack of adequate comparative information on both sides of this issue, and his financial opinions. Urged a no vote on Article 10.

<u>Bob?</u> Spoke neither for nor against Article 10. Felt arguments as stated in the Warrant Summary, for and against are conflicting with regard to the Community having to bear costs or not bear costs.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> responded, discussed the issue, and does not see an inconsistency as written. Warrant Article is clear.

<u>Bob Parker</u> What entity is best suited to handle the upgrade? The VDE is best equipped. Urged a Yes vote on Article 10.

<u>John Zentis</u> urged a vote against, as Commissioners will have to take on more responsibilities than they ever anticipated. Need to know more details of future Commissioners' duties.

Commissioner Wood intent is to continue with the existing operators to upgrade the system.

John Zentis where is the cost savings?

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> savings are on the administrative side. All municipalities are required to perform certain duties, regardless of size. Listed some savings.

John Zentis expressed concern about the 2 water operators we have now and how merger would affect them.

Commissioner Wood detailed procedures for contracting work and cost savings related to work load.

John Zentis asked what the goal is for a date of the merger to take effect.

Commissioner Wood responded July 1, 2013.

John Zentis expressed this is very optimistic.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> responded that if the merger does not take effect July 1, then budgets would be adjusted to meet the actual start date.

<u>John Zentis</u> asked, if merger is completed what happens to our Assistant Manager, who manages the Sewer Co. now?

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> responded the ECA Assistant Manager, Brian Harding, would continue until the transfer occurs, then his duties would transfer to the VDE manager, Mr. Weber.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> added the VDE currently has 2 field operators and they would not be involved in any significant way in running sewer operations They will devote their time to the water company portion of the merged district. Operations of the sewer company would continue with the outside contractor. Commissioner's workload for wastewater would be less by having the Sewer Advisory Board to handle oversight, budget preparation and background work, and they would meet regularly with Commissioners. The Sewer Board would represent only the sewer users.

Tom Hull Neither for nor against the Article. Questioned transparency of absentee ballot process.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> explained there are 2 separate elections. Absentee ballots are for election of VDE officers only. For Warrant Articles, under state statute one has to be present in the room when voting Warrant Articles. The paper ballots to be used later are to insure an accurate vote count, as opposed to a hand count.

<u>Mike Lorrey</u> asked for specifics in regard to added hours, feasibility of increased workload and salary implications on the transfer of workload to VDE Manager.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> described Manager Weber's current job description, which is part time now. Commissioners feel in future Manager Weber would be able to take on added responsibilities, which would be an enhancement to his position. Commissioners are satisfied this would work.

<u>Bob Logan</u> spoke against Article 10. He is uncertain how ECA and Community would handle a "catastrophic event", and is uncertain if Community could find Commissioners willing to run a sewer department. Is concerned about actual costs of billing, separate books, audits, etc., and feels there is no way we can absorb this entity without adding more costs. Urged a no vote.

<u>Scott Holland</u> a sewer user, commented on his belief the merger will yield coast savings. No guarantee, if we voted for a separate village district that the selectmen in Grantham would approve it. He urged a yes vote.

<u>Larry Schulman</u> In favor of the merger. Complimented everyone on civility of proceedings. Asked to call the question?

<u>Lorie McClory</u> Commented on possible difficulties of getting people to serve as Commissioners for the Sewer Board.

<u>Robert Lagasse</u> Detailed process of setting up a separate district, impact of costs related to catastrophic event and responsibility of every property owner for the system.

Phil Schaefer gave some statistics relative to getting registered voters to serve on a sewer board.

Moderator Miller asked shall we proceed with the vote?

VOICE VOTE: Ayes unanimous.

<u>Moderator Miller</u> announced we would proceed to the vote, using paper ballots. All voters need to go through registration again to receive ballots. Polls still open for officer elections.

<u>9:05 pm Moderator Miller called meeting back to order.</u> While ballots are counted, we will proceed with business. No vote on Article 2 will be taken until voting results on Article 10 are complete.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> explained the issuance of separate colored paper ballots as having been recommended by the Secretary of State. This procedure guarantees an accurate vote.

VOTE: proceeded, paper ballot, on Article 10.

Commissioner Wood moved to take Article 2 off the table, for discussion.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

Vote - AYES unanimous.

Moderator Miller read Article 2:

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Commissioner Wood moved Article 2 as read.

Michael West 2nd

Commissioner Wood explained the motion. Article deals with debt service.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> explained savings to sewer users and debt limit implications for VDE customers. Laws do allow emergency borrowing for amounts beyond a district's debt limit.

Commissioner Sullivan explained the same would be true in a separate municipality.

Commissioner Fairweather confirmed Commissioner Sullivan's statement.

<u>Moderator Miller</u> announced voting results on Article 10. 111 in favor, 69 opposed, for a total of 180 votes. Article 10 is passed and so ordered.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> commented on importance of everyone remaining at the meeting. With Article 10 passed, the need is to address Article 2, which represents the funding for the merger to go forward.

Moderator Miller opened the floor for comments on Article 2, with a 3 minute speaking limit.

<u>Robert Lagasse</u> spoke against the article. Asked why push the VDE credit limit to the max? How would this affect the VDE credit? Urged a no vote on Article 2.

Mike Lorrey commented on MOA that conveys assets of ESC to VDE and questioned the acquisition.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> responded that this debt is the responsibility of the ESC and the ECA at this time. One way or another the loan must be paid.

Larry Schulman asked would remaining articles require paper ballots?

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> explained if a standing vote is too close a call, then a paper ballot may be required. The moderator makes this choice.

George Niles call the question.

Rick Karash 2nd.

Voice Vote - majority carried

<u>Moderator Miller</u> announced there would be one hour to vote on Article 2 by paper ballot, because it contains a bond issue and according to statute must be voted this way.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> explained the State challenged results of the January meeting because a possibility existed that voters could have given their paper ballots to someone else to submit, and left the meeting. This method we are using insures a correct and legal vote. The State says a ballot on a Warrant Article with a bond issue requires voting be open for one hour. We can continue the meeting while voting is taking place.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> moved Article 11 be taken up at this time.

2nd from the floor.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried.

Moderator Miller read Article 11:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Seven-Thousand-Nine-Hundred-Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$77,927) which represents the waste water budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed or any interest and principal due on any notes payable by the Eastman Sewer Company. This appropriation shall be financed from sewer user fees and/or special assessment paid by the sewer customers only, with no amount from general taxation.

Commissioner Fairweather moved to accept Article 11.

2nd from the floor.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> explained Article 11 is a half-year budget. Detailed budget figures and method used to obtain this budget amount, to be raised from sewer users only.

John Zentis asked why is this 6 months?

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> responded Commissioners do not foresee closing this merger before July 1. He detailed these procedures.

John Zentis asked about fiscal year dates and the possibility of another VDE meeting before next year.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> VDE fiscal year is January to December and he spoke to fiscal year procedures and expenditures.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> explained in acquiring assets of ESC there are accounts containing funds for expenditures, accounts receivables coming in, as well as a capital reserve account.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 11 passes and is so ordered.

Commissioner Wood moved Article 12 be taken up at this time.

Robert McCarthy 2nd.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Moderator Miller read Article 12:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of <u>Waste Water Collection Operation and Maintenance</u> and to raise and appropriate Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation shall be financed from sewer user fees and/or special assessment paid by the sewer customers only, with no amount from general taxation.

Commissioner Wood moved Article 12 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> explained article 12 and how it is used. In order to run sewer appropriately VDE needs to establish this fund to begin building reserve accounts, just as in the VDE.

No discussion.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 12 is passed and so ordered.

Commissioner Wood moved Article 13 be taken up at this time.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

Moderator Miller read Article 13:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of <u>Waste Water Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance</u> and to raise and appropriate Seventeen-Thousand-Seven-Hundred Dollars (\$17,700) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation shall be financed from sewer user fees and/or special assessment paid by the sewer customers only, with no amount from general taxation.

VOTE: AYES Unanimous

Commissioner Wood spoke to the Article as establishing a fund for sewer system treatment facility.

Commissioner Fairweather detailed this area covers the aeration ponds, an area in need of quick attention.

No discussion.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 13 is passed and so ordered.

Commissioner Wood moved Article 14 be taken up at this time.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

VOICE VOTE: AYES unanimous.

Moderator Miller read Article 14:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of <u>Waste Water Disposal Operation and Maintenance</u> and to raise and appropriate Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation shall be financed from sewer user fees and/or special assessment paid by the sewer customers only, with no amount from general taxation.

Commissioner Wood explained Article 14. It deals with disposal of treated water.

No discussion.

Commissioner Wood moved article 14 be adopted.

John Zentis 2nd.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 14 is passed and so ordered.

Moderator Miller announced polls are closed for election of officers, at 9:40 PM.

Moderator Miller announced Article 3 to be taken up at this time.

Moderator Miller read Article 3:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven-Hundred-Fifty-Three-Thousand-Five Hundred-Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$753,557) which represents the potable water budget. This amount includes Five-Hundred-Forty-Three-Thousand-Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$543,057) for the Operating Budget; One-Hundred-Sixty-Thousand-Five-Hundred Dollars (\$160,500), which represents the principal and interest payments for the Well Field Improvement Project; and Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) which represents the principal and interest payment for the "Source 1 Upgrades" State Revolving Funds Loan payment. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Commissioner Fairweather moved adoption of Article 3.

Commissioner Wood 2nd.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> spoke to the Article. Detailed budget figures.

No discussion.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 3 passed and is so ordered.

Moderator Miller read Article 4:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to discontinue the <u>Water Audit Leak Study</u> Capital Reserve Account created in 2009, inclusive of interest to date of termination. The account currently has a balance of Ten-Thousand-Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$10,038). Said funds shall be placed in the general operating account of the district, used for operations of the district's potable water system.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke to the Article and moved it be accepted. He explained this fund.

^{2 nd} from the floor.

No discussion.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 4 is passed and so ordered.

Moderator Miller read Article 5:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of <u>Well Decommissioning</u> and to raise and appropriate Seventeen-Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund.

<u>Commissioner Sullivan</u> moved Article 5 be accepted as presented. This Article is action required by the DES.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> detailed why purposes of a trust fund cannot be changed, then explained movement of these funds.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 5 passed and is so ordered.

Moderator Miller read Article 6:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five-Thousand-Five-Hundred Dollars (\$65,500) to be added to the following and previously established Capital Reserve Funds, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend from these funds, to any extent that the Commissioners may not have been designated as agents to expend any of these funds.

Commissioner Wood moved Article for adoption as presented.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

Commissioner Wood spoke to the Article.

<u>Robert Lagasse</u> asked if we are still providing justification to find out what this money does? Where is this shown?

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> said page 21 of the 2012 Annual Report shows summary and projected 10-year Capital program. The full packet available to VDE Office.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 6 passed and is so ordered.

Moderator Miller read Article 7:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to be added to the <u>Water Mains and Valves Maintenance</u> Expendable Trust Fund, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend from these funds (renamed in 2009).

Commissioner Sullivan moved Article 7 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Wood 2nd.

<u>Commissioner Sullivan</u> explained this fund kept separate from funding in Article 5 since it is the largest allocation of funds.

Robert Lagasse asked what is criteria that establishes the amount that funds this account?

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> responded this information is on the top of page 21 in the 2012 Annual Report, in spreadsheet. Explained uses, addressed questions.

<u>Phil Schaefer</u> asked how much is in this fund and can you give us an average of the last 3 years of expenditures for water leaks.

Commissioner Fairweather detailed amounts and said this information is in the Annual Report, page 34.

<u>Commissioner Wood</u> believes average expenditure for valve replacement for the past 3 years is between \$60,000 and \$70,000 per year.

Moderator Miller Called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 7 passed and is so ordered.

Moderator Miller read Article 8:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to authorize the Commissioners to negotiate with any lending institutions, licensed to do business in the State of New Hampshire, for more competitive rates and terms than are currently available with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for the repayment of the State Revolving Fund Loan authorized by the voters on August 10th, 2010 as an amount "not to exceed Four-Hundred-Eighty-Four-Thousand-Five-Hundred Dollars (\$484,500)."

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> moved to amended incorrect wording (typographical error), to show the correct amount. He gave a written amendment to the Moderator.

Amendment 2nd from the floor.

Commissioner Wood clarified wording and numbers.

Moderator Miller called the vote on the amendment.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Amendment is so ordered.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> spoke to the article as amended. Explained VDE may be able to negotiate a lower interest rate from a local bank thus saving money. VDE cannot negotiate without authorization. Voters must give approval for Manager Weber to speak.

By Voice Vote, VDE Manager William Weber approved to address gathering.

<u>VDE Manager Weber</u> explained the loan rates from the State 2 years ago, how rates have decreased and that now it is possible to negotiate a 2.3% rate from a local bank as opposed to the State rate of 2.6%.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 8 passed and is so ordered.

Moderator Miller read Article 9:

To see if the Village District of Eastman will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen-Thousand-Five-Hundred-Seventy Dollars (\$18,570), all of which shall be funded by <u>The New Hampshire Department of</u> <u>Environmental Services 2013 Source Water Protection Program Grant: SWP-233, Security Improvement Project</u> (approved by DES February 1, 2013), with no increase in taxes or user fees, and to designate the Commissioners as agents to expend from these funds.

Commissioner Sullivan moved Article 9 be accepted as read.

Commissioner Fairweather 2nd.

<u>Commissioner Sullivan</u> explained this article would allow VDE to accept a grant of \$18,570 for improvements to the security of our water system. Office Manager Amy Lewis applied for and received this grant but we need approval to accept and spend the funds.

<u>Commissioner Fairweather</u> added funding allows improvement of fencing at the well field, moving the gate out further to the road to protect the garage area and the water treatment plant behind it and putting gating at the Snow Hill storage tank. Thanked Amy Lewis for her work on this grant.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOICE VOTE: majority carried. Article 9 passed and is so ordered.

<u>David Wood</u> thanked the Commissioners and Community for all the hard work put into preparations for the meeting.

<u>Moderator Miller</u> asked if there were any other question. He thanked all for coming and conducting this important business, and read the following results of voting on VDE officers.

<u>Commissioner</u>: 3-year term: Robert Fairweather 166, Peter Garland 69, and Geraldine Logan 8, D. Houck 1 write-

in.

Treasurer: 1-year term; David Wright 220.

<u>Moderator</u>: 1-year term; George Niles 149, Michael Lorrey 76 <u>Clerk</u>: 1-year term; Maggie Sullivan 99 write-in, Phillip Schaefer 90

VOTE Article 2, 110 yes 39 no, total 149. Article 2 is passed and so ordered.

Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn the meeting.

Lorie McClory 2nd.

Moderator Miller called the vote.

VOTE TO ADJOURN: AYES UNANIMOUS.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37PM.

Respectfulk submitted.

Maggie Sulkan Vfir Clerk

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