

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 19, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Water District Board of Trustees was held at 3:45 p.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Trustees and staff participated in person, except as noted below. Remote participation for the public was provided; however, no one joined the meeting.

I. Chair Hwalek called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

II. **Roll Call:** Mr. Foss, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Morse, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Chick, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Hwalek. Also in attendance were Mrs. Silva, Mr. Littlefield, Mr. Easterwood, Mr. Harrison, and Mrs. McGary.

III. **Public Comment:** None

IV. **Old Business:**

Approval of April Regular Minutes: It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the regular April meeting as presented by Chair Hwalek.

Report of the Treasurer: Director of Finance Silva presented an overview of the April financials, beginning with the month's disbursements and investments and then reviewing the year-to-date revenues and expenses compared to the budget. Silva noted that as of the end of the month, operating revenues were 3 percent (\$93,000) ahead of budget with metered sales being 2 percent (\$49,000) ahead of budget. Silva also noted that the total operating expenses were under budget by 6 percent (\$168,000). Silva ended by presenting the year-to-date cash flow summary. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Project Manager's Report:

Current Construction and Engineering Projects:

Project Manager Littlefield presented the Cumberland Street water main replacement projects sole bidder was Lou Silver with a base bid of \$2,803,618.00, noting that the City of Bangor cost will be \$1,309,432.25 and the Bangor Water District cost will be \$1,494,185.75. Littlefield also noted that our estimated cost in 2024 was \$1,213,000.00. Littlefield requested the Board of Trustees to vote to approve the project at the bid cost of \$1,494,185.75.

VOTED: To accept the project cost of \$1,494,185.75.

Littlefield noted that Birch and Nelson Street projects are currently being reviewed by State and Federal agencies, noting the project has been awarded \$2,073,600 in DWSRF funding with \$414,720 or 20% in principal forgiveness. Littlefield requested the Board of Trustees to vote to accept the DWSRF funding amount of \$2,073,600.

VOTED: To accept the DWSRF funding amount of \$2,073,600.00

V. New Business:

Water Quality Report: Water Quality Manager Easterwood reported that on 4/21/26 one routine sample came back positive for E. Coli at Northern Light Acadia Hospital. Easterwood noted that he contacted the Drinking Water Program and issued an immediate boil water notice for the hospital. 6 additional samples were taken: 4 from multiple locations at the hospital and 1 from each direction in our system. On 4/23/26 all repeat samples were negative and the boil order was lifted at 6:00am.

General Manager's Report: The April Progress Report was accepted as written.

- Discussion of each department head within the Bangor Water District and what responsibilities that they hold was presented as an introduction for new Board Members.
- 4–10 hour day transition has been successful with positive feedback from employees.
- Updated Employee Handbook is currently being reviewed by a legal team.
- The Lead and Copper Inventory Line for the Drinking Water Program has been approved for last year's work.
- The Bangor Water Districts Safety Committee created new first aid kits for all the Bangor Water Districts vehicles. 3 Construction Vehicles to include 3 trauma kits.
- The Bangor Water District is working towards having 2 staff members with the ability to Certify others to perform CPR per Red Cross standards.

VI: Board Member Communication/ Request: None.

IV: Executive Session: None.

It was then upon motion being made and duly seconded:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

VIII: Next Meeting Dates:

June 16, 2026

Ralph Foss, Clerk

John Hwalek, Chair

Patty Hamilton

Frank Bragg, Vice Chair

Lee Chick

Samuel Morse

Thomas Higgins