

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 17, 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. Remote participation for the public was provided; however, no one joined the meeting.

I. Clerk Foss called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

II. **Roll Call:** Mr. Foss, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Morse, Mr. Chick, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hwalek, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Silva, Mrs. Chute. Members of the public: Rebecca Bragdon and Mary Bushey.

III. **Public Comment:** None.

VI. Old Business:

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

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the regular March meeting as amended by Chair Hwalek.

Report of the Treasurer: Director of Finance Silva presented an overview of the March financials; first highlighting 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 March, total metered sales were ahead of budget by 0.3 %, total operating expenses were under budget by 6 %. Silva ended by presenting the year-to-date cash flow summary.

Project Manager's Report:

Current Construction Projects:

The construction crew has been repairing leaks scattered across the distribution system. The crew is also working on the Hawkes building remodel for the Engineering and Construction Departments. The project should be completed later this week with the installation of heat pumps, a smart board and a new plotter.

Engineering Department Projects:

- **Other Projects:** Continued inspection of new private water mains and services including pressure testing and bacteria sampling as well as reviewing plans for other development projects throughout the distribution system.
- **Cumberland Street:** Waiting for the City to post the project.
- **Birch/Nelson Street:** Plans are nearing completion. However, this project is on draft for the State Revolving Fund primary funding list, still waiting for the final list to be announced.
- **Project Management Restructure:** Patrick Later has transitioned from the role of Project Inspector to the role of GIS Technician/Project Inspector. Chris Bruen has transitioned from the role of Utility Worker in the construction department to the role of Project Inspector.

VII. New Business:

Water Quality Report: Water Quality Manager Easterwood presented the Board of Trustees with the District's monitoring of coliform, fluoride, bromate and turbidity, which all meet the EPA and State guidelines.

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

Rate Case- The 2026 10.5% Proposed Rate Case was presented at the Public Hearing on February 19, 2026. There were a few customers that spoke up. John Barron had concerns regarding water quality. Carol Cutting also had concerns regarding the water and sewer lines. GM Harrison is reaching out to both customers.

Data Centers- The City of Bangor has put a moratorium on Data Centers for 1 year.

BIA Expansion- The District is looking into expanding the BIA zone to feed Hermon for better water quality. The crew will be doing some flow and pressure testing.

Information Technology Manager- Matt Murray has military orders for the next two months.

Website- One more session with Streamline before launching our new website.

Capital Improvement Plan- Tentatively scheduled to be back from Engineering

Firms in April 2026. The department heads will rate from a scale 1 to 100. Looking for the best bang for the buck.

Private Fire Hydrant- Hydrant 1053 became a private hydrant back in 2015.

Cyber Security- The District has had several attempted cyber security attacks over the past several weeks. SJ Rollins and Matthew Murray have been working together to refresh the staff on cyber threats.

Employee Search- GM Harrison is working with Bangor High School to get the Program for a Water Intern.

Employee Retention- GM Harrison is looking at the possibility of changing the Districts hours from 5-8 hour shifts to 4-10 hour shifts.

VIII: Board Member Communication/ Request: Chair Hwalek request a study of customers in the minimum bill range and what their usage is.

IV: Executive Session: None.

It was then upon motion being made and duly seconded:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

IV: Next Meeting Dates:

April 21, 2026

Ralph Foss, Clerk

John Hwalek, Chair

Patty Hamilton

Frank Bragg, Vice Chair

Lee Chick

Samuel Morse

Thomas Higgins