



CHESTER Water Commission CHESTER TOWN HALL Meeting Minutes

05 May 2023

Members Present: Lyle Snide (Chair)
Bob Daley
Tom Bean

Members Absent: none

Others present: Don Humason Ira Brezinsky
 Andy Myers Eric Weiss
 Elaine Gilmore

Remote meeting only

Meeting called to order at 11:00am.

Item 1: Discussed the Blandford-Chester shared water operator grant and the Efficiency and Regionalization grant with PVPC reps. The Blandford Water Commission has declined to approve the shared agreement due to liability concerns and the additional administrative/cost burden as the host community. This action will also invalidate the E&R grant which would provide both towns a total of \$178,000 for water operation improvements. The following potential revisions to the shared agreement were discussed to address Blandford concerns:

- Instead of sharing a qualified operator full time, share an intern operator in training. This would eliminate shared liability concerns while providing a path forward to train and qualify new operators for succession planning.
- Shift the host community from Blandford to Chester to reduce Blandford's administrative burden.
- PVPC will verify the terms of revising the shared agreement can be supported by the grant.
- The Chair of the Chester Water Commission will contact the Chair of the Blandford Water Commission to see if Blandford will consider continue work on the shared operator grant with the above revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Submitted,

Lyle Snide, Chair, Water Commission