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CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT

Ending June 30, 2025

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT

June 30, 2025

WATER COMMISSIONER

Joseph McGinn	May, 2023
Arthur E.J. Levesque	May, 2003
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr.	May, 2019

TREASURER

Jennifer Wood	May, 2013
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DISTRICT CLERK

Cheryl Balkus	August, 2018
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SUPERINTENDENT

Benjamin J. Morris	August 2017
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115th ANNUAL REPORT
PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Greetings:

Your Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submits their 115th Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

The items in this report are updates to the events and tasks that the district has been working on for the past year.

Meter Upgrades

In 2016, the district began the process of upgrading customers' water meters. Previous meter upgrades began in 2007 and were completed in 2012. There are over 1240 meters within the district. The new style meter the district is installing in customer's homes has a 15-20-year life span compared to earlier meters that typically lasted 8-12 years. The district continues to update around 100 meters per year. To date the district upgraded over 700 meters.

If you have not yet had your meter upgraded or wish to learn more about the new metering system, please contact the District Office.

Sargent Street Water Line Project

At the annual meeting in 2023 the district voted in favor of funding the installation of a redundant water line on a section of Sargent Street. This project is designed to enhance the districts resiliency and redundancy from the interconnection with the City of Worcester. During late spring early summer of 2024 this project was awarded to Jack Goncalves & Sons Inc. and the project was completed.

Hydrant Flushing

The Water District works to flush fire hydrants within the Distribution system based on a Mass DEP recommendation to conduct system flushing twice per year. The purpose of hydrant flushing is to clean the debris that builds up inside the water mains and maintain water quality throughout the system. The district utilizes a hydrant-flushing program known as Uni-directional Flushing (UDF). Uni-directional Flushing is a hydrant flushing method that requires isolation of sections of the distribution system to increase pressure and volume, scouring the debris and the build up inside the water mains, flushing them out. This method enhances water quality, maintains chlorine residuals throughout the distribution system and verifies proper operation of hydrants and valves. During 2024, flushing was completed in the spring and Fall prior to increased drought restrictions.. Hydrant flushing is expected to be completed in spring of 2025.

Valve Exercising

Valve exercising is an ongoing annual maintenance program for system distribution valves. Since starting this project in 2018, all known valves in the district have been located and exercised. Many valves in the system are as old as the district itself and operators take great care to ensure that they work when needed. Moving forward, valve exercising will continue to be an ongoing annual project to ensure system maintenance and access to our crucial assets.

Leak Detection & Leaks

As a result of purchasing water from the City of Worcester and knowing that the district pays for every drop of water measured by the interconnection's master meter, the district's staff has increased the frequency of the District Leak Detection program. The district's staff continues to conduct monthly hydrant-to-hydrant surveys to avoid wasteful and costly system water leaks. In the last year, this program has helped staff locate and repair numerous leaks. This allowed District Staff to address these leaks in a timely manner to minimize the effect on the ratepayers.

In addition to in-house monthly leak detection, MassDEP requires the district to conduct a system wide leak survey every 3-5 years. The district is working to schedule a system wide inspection this coming year.

In the early hours of October 27, 2024, the District staff was notified of a possible water leak in the Rochdale service area. Through investigation it was determined that the leak was located on the 8" Transmission main in the swamp off Peter Salem Rd. Due to the proximity of the leak a roadway into the swamp needed to be constructed to access the area which was 650 ft from Peter Salem Rd. While subcontractors worked on the roadway, District operators worked in conjunction with Leicester Water Supply District & Hillcrest Water Districts as well as the Leicester DPW to construct an interconnection between the 3 Districts to provide water to the Rochdale system. After 28 hours into the emergency, it was determined that additional water supply was needed to fill and maintain level in the Rochdale system. Over the next 3.5 days working 12-14 hours per day a tanker shuttle operation consisting of (3) 7,000-gallon tanker trucks moved potable water from Cherry Valley to the Greenville Storage Tank located in Rochdale. At the storage tank Rain for Rent was contracted to provide a transfer pump and transfer tank to move water from the tankers into the storage system. On November 1st the District was able to place the transmission main in operation after successful disinfection and clean bacteria sampling.

Over the next few months, the staff worked on the aftermath of the leak. Pursuing financial assistance, & discussion on long-term solutions. Having the authority to spend free cash from the Department of Revenue was the first step to covering the cost. The second objective was to seek if there was any relief reimbursement available from the state or the federal government. Working with David LeBeouf, we researched state level options and were unsuccessful. On the federal level through USDA, it was determined that there was an emergency funding grant that the district might be eligible for. Working with our local USDA representatives, the District was able to submit a grant application under the Emergency Funding Community Grant program that can reimburse the District up to \$150,000 of the money spent on this emergency. At the time of this report the application is under review. Moving forward the district is working with Tata and Howard to look at the design and replacement of the cross-country transmission main from Cherry Valley to Rochdale. The transmission main stretches close to 1.5 miles through wooded and swamp areas and has been in place since the districts beginning in 1910. It is the hope that the voters will approve an article at the May 2025 annual meeting to start this project and begin the design work of the much-needed replacement of this transmission main.

Kettle Brook Leak

On the morning of January 18th, 2025, staff was notified by Leicester Police that car had gone off the road on Old Main St and struck the exposed 8" water main over the brook. Staff responded to this leak and began to isolate the area and get subcontractors mobilized on starting repairs. Once contractors were on site a valve needed to be installed to isolate just the brook crossing and get water back on to all the customers in the District. While the contractors worked to install a valve, trees were removed from the brook banking so excavation crews could access the water main in a safe manor to conduct the repairs. Water was bypassed to service all customers through back feeding from the Rochdale Standpipe. Repair work was extensive, and it took the crew roughly 28 hours to complete the repair and get the water main back into normal operation. Working with the insurance company of the motor vehicle the costs of all damages associated with this leak were quickly recovered for the District.

Additional leaks have been going on throughout the winter and spring. Staff worked on multiple breaks, both small and large other than what is discussed above. During all these emergencies the goal is to restore service to all customers in a safe and timely manner. In most cases customers may not have even noticed the disruption in service as it was in the early hours of the morning, or the leaks were isolated to individual customers services.

Grants

To assist the District by offsetting costs and working to make improvements the District looks for different grants, this year the District was successful in obtaining two grants. The first grant in the amount of \$130,000 from the One-Stop program and Massachusetts Rural Development. This is for designing of upgrading water mains on Stafford St in Rochdale as well as a cross-country water main between Rt. 56 and the Rochdale Standpipe. This amount was a full funded opportunity and there was no match that the district had to bring to the table to secure the funding The intent of this project is to

improve transmission throughout the Rochdale service area by increasing the pipe size of these areas from both 8 and 10" Cast Iron water main to a new 12" Ductile Iron water main. The design is set to be completed by end of June 2025.

The second grant in the amount of \$2,607 was a safety grant through the Districts Insurance companies. While much smaller in nature, the grant was able to fund the purchasing of road cones for roadway safety and headsets for communication of operators while working on water main breaks or with heavy equipment in the roadways.

Moving forward staff is continuing to work and pursue grants to assist with funding of projects. Currently a second grant has been submitted to the One-Stop program to look at funding the construction portion of the Pleasant St and the Stafford St water main projects as well as the Kettle Brook water main project. We will not find out if we are successful in securing these grants until the Fall 2025.

Staffing updates

Over the course of this past fiscal year the District has seen changes in staffing as former employees have moved on to other career opportunities. Over the summer of 2024 the District lost a long-time employee John O' Day as he and his wife moved out of state. In March of 2025 Christian LeBlanc temporarily left the District to start a career with the Worcester Fire Department. While Christian is no longer a full-time employee with the District he intends to work for the District as an on-call employee in the not-too-distant future. The Board recently approved this position as it adds an extra set of hands for the District to have on staff during vacations and or larger emergencies. With the departure of staff, we have welcomed new employees. Neil McCarthy joined the district back in July of 2024 and has been learning the systems operations through all the challenges we have faced over the course of this previous year. He is putting in the effort and learning to become a fully licensed Drinking water operator. Ethan Stranieri joined the district in February 2025 and has some experience in the industry and is working to complete his training to also become a licensed drinking water operator. Our new employees are committed to serving the residence of the District and ensuring that the systems operations continue to run in an efficient manner.

Annual Water Use Restrictions

As per the provisions of the Water Management Act Permit, the Board of Water Commissioners declared the required District-wide water use restrictions beginning May 1, 2025, and ending October 1, 2025. Details of the restrictions are posted on the district website www.cvrwd.com.

Annual Financial Audit

The firm **Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C.** conducted the annual financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2024. The audit concluded that the district continues to demonstrate good financial accountability.

For your convenience and review of the 2024 Audited Statement of Net Assets, Revenue, Expenses, Changes in Net Assets and Cash Flows are published in the 115th Annual Report.

Any questions regarding this report or any other questions you may have please contact the District Office (508-892-9616) and the staff will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners

Benjamin Morris
Superintendent

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CHERRY VALLEY AND ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT
WARRANT
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING**

To: Cheryl Balkus, District Clerk
Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District

Greetings:

You are hereby directed to notify the VOTERS of the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District to meet in the Town Hall Auditorium, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, Massachusetts fifteenth of May, two thousand and twenty-five (May 15, 2025) at seven-thirty P.M. (7:30 P.M.), then and there to act on the following articles:

ONE: MODERATOR

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and for a period of one (1) year thereafter.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast ballots for the election of moderator for a term of one (1) Year.

DESCRIPTION:

This article is an annual procedural article as the Moderator is the individual that will preside over tonight's meeting as well as the beginning of the 2026 Annual Meeting at which time the process is repeated. Additionally, the candidates have met the District By-law requirement of which "Candidates for office must notify the clerk of the district in writing at least three (3) days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date before seeking an office for the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District".

TWO: REPORTS

To act on the reports of the District.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District accept the **printed reports** of the District as printed in the 2025 Annual Report which is in the hands of the voters present.

DESCRIPTION:

The printed report of the Water Commissioners provides the District members with an annual update of the District's activities during fiscal year 2025 and the report of the District Treasurer provides the District members with an update of the District's audited activity during fiscal year ending 2024, respectively.

THREE: COMMISSIONER

To elect the following officer by ballot:

A resident from the Cherry Valley service area to hold the office of District Commissioner for a period of three (3) years.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast ballots for the election of Commissioner representing Cherry Valley area for a term of three (3) Years.

DESCRIPTION:

The Board of Water Commissioners has three members each serving a three year term. One Commissioner is elected representing the Greenville service area, the Rochdale Service area and the Cherry Valley service area. Each Commissioner must reside within his/her representative service area. The District By-laws require Candidates for the Office of Commissioner must notify the Clerk in writing at least three days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date.

The winner of the election will take effect when the annual meeting closes. Absent any directive in bylaw or enabling act.

FOUR: PART TERM COMMISSIONER

To elect a Water Commissioner for a term of two (2) years

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast ballots for the election of Commissioner for a term of two (2) years.

DESCRIPTION:

Due to the passing of a commissioner the District needs to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term which is for (2) years in the Greenville service area. The District By-laws require Candidates for the Office of Commissioner must notify the Clerk in writing at least three days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date.

The winner of the election will take effect when annual meeting closes absent any directive in bylaw or enabling act.

FIVE : PART TERM COMMISSIONER

To elect a Water Commissioner for a term of one (1) years

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Clerk of the District declare that the polls are open to cast ballots for the election of Commissioner for a term of one (1) year Rochdale Service Area.

DESCRIPTION:

The District needs to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term which is for (1) year in the Rochdale service area. The District By-laws require Candidates for the Office of Commissioner must notify the Clerk in writing at least three days (72 hours) prior to the meeting date.

The winner of the election will take effect when annual meeting closes absent any directive in bylaw or enabling act.

SIX: BUDGET

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or other available means, for the operating budget for fiscal year 2026, to provide for the District's annual operating requirements, including but not limited to, salaries, related services, office expenses, maintenance, construction and any other items related thereto; to execute any instruments or documents necessary or appropriate to accomplish said purposes; or take any action in relation thereto.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of **\$1,440,087.58 (One million four hundred forty thousand eighty seven dollars and fifty eight cents)** for the operating budget for fiscal year 2026 as set forth in the 115TH Annual Report, to provide for the District's annual operating requirements, including but not limited to, salaries, related services, office expenses, maintenance, construction and any other items related thereto; to execute any instruments or documents necessary or appropriate to accomplish said purposes.

DESCRIPTION:

This article funds the fiscal year 2026 operating budget, which includes funding all operations of the District, debt service payments and the purchasing of water from the City of Worcester. This will result in a rate increase.

SEVEN: REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for legal services, administrative services and engineering services (including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project being constructed) in connection with any water system design, review, and construction, or to take any action thereon.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and

deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made, by the Board of Water Commissioners for legal services, administrative services and engineering services (including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project(s) being constructed) in connection with any water system design, review, and construction.

DESCRIPTION:

This is a non-money article. This is a house keeping article.

This article establishes a “revolving account for review of new construction projects within the service area of the district”. It provides the means for the District to collect funds from the proposer of the new construction project to pay costs including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project being constructed and associated with new construction projects with no impact to the FY26 operating budget and no expense to the district rate payers.

EIGHT: REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR METERS

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts Of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and installation of water meters or take any action thereon.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to **establish a fund to receive and deposit fees** paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made, by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and installation of water meters.

DESCRIPTION:

This article establishes a “revolving account for water meters”. It provides the means for the District to collect funds to pay costs as outlined in the motion and associated with new construction projects with no impact to the FY26 operating budget.

This is a non-money article. This is a house keeping article.

NINE: REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR TERMINATION EXPENDITURES

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and rental of supplies and equipment associated with the District’s Service Termination Process, including but not limited to construction and excavation equipment rental, police details, backfill materials such as processed gravel and sand, asphalt, pipe, fittings and appurtenances or take any action thereon.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made, by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and rental of supplies and equipment associated with the District’s Service Termination Process, including but not limited to, construction and excavation equipment rental, police details, backfill materials such as processed gravel and sand, asphalt, pipe, fittings and appurtenances.

DESCRIPTION:

The Board of Water Commissioners are responsible for the financial stability of the district and unfortunately have to implement the termination process in the collection of unpaid water bills. The District would rather work with Individuals in establishing a payment plan to address outstanding water bills. Termination is implemented as the last resort in the collection process.

This article establishes a “revolving account for termination”. It provides the means for the District to collect funds to pay costs as outlined in the motion and associated with district’s termination program with no impact to the FY26 operating budget.

TEN – FUNDING STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or by available means to fund the

Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District transfer \$30,000 from free cash and move it to the Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

DESCRIPTION:

This will fund the Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

ELEVEN – USE OF STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the District will allow the use of the Grindstone Well Stabilization account if any issues arise including but not limited to the changing out of the arsenic media, uranium media, pumps, electric parts, etc.. As well as maintenance on the well.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District be allowed to use up to \$25,000 out of the Grindstone Well Stabilization account if work needs to be done on the Grindstone Well.

DESCRIPTION:

This allows the District to authorize the board to use the funds that are set aside for Grindstone Well. THIS REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE.

TWELVE – SWAMP LEAK

To see if the District will transfer \$300,000 from free cash to cover the cost of the Emergency Swamp leak.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District transfer \$300,000 from free cash to cover the cost of the Emergency Swamp leak.

DESCRIPTION:

Back in October 2024 the District had a leak in the middle of a swamp. We received DOR approval to use these monies in advanced. This is a housekeeping article to ratify the expense.

THIRTEEN – AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISION OF CHAPTER 105 ACTS OF 1996

This will update our enabling acts for the purpose of improving the administration and staffing of the district.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Section 2. Amend section 9 of chapter 105 as follows: Delete the sentence: The district shall also at a legal meeting called for the purpose elect by ballot a district clerk and a treasurer to hold office for the term of one year and until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Section 3. Amend section 9 of chapter 105 as follows: Delete the last sentence in section 9 in its entirety.

Section 4. Insert section 9A following section 9 as amended as follows: The board of water commissioners shall appoint duly qualified individuals to manage and direct the operations and business of the district to serve in the positions of Superintendent, Treasurer and Clerk of the district and to appoint such additional personnel to ensure the proper operation of the water source protection, treatment and distribution systems required to comply with the regulations governing public water suppliers within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

DESCRIPTION:

Updating the enabling acts for the treasurer, clerk and superintendent will make it match to the District By-laws. It will also ensure that qualified personal are in these positions.

FOURTEEN – FEASIBILITY OF MERGING THE CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT AND CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT

To authorize the board of water commissioners to initiate discussions with the board of sewer commissioners of

the Cherry Valley Sewer District to consider the feasibility of merging the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District and the Cherry Valley Sewer District into a single Water and Sewer District within the town of Leicester, and, to draft legislation for consideration of the district's membership for voting in the coming year

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to transfer \$30,000 from free cash to authorize the board of water commissioners to initiate discussions with the board of sewer commissioners of the Cherry Valley Sewer District to consider the feasibility of merging the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District and the Cherry Valley Sewer District into a single Water and Sewer District within the town of Leicester, and, to draft legislation for consideration of the districts membership for voting in the coming year.

DESCRIPTION:

This article will let commissioners of the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District know if District members are interested in the merging of the Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District and The Cherry Valley Sewer District into one District. If this article passes the District's will work together to see what is needed and how to merge the two districts.

FIFTEEN: RISK AND RESILIENCE

To See if the District will vote to raise and appropriate from free cash and/or available funds to fund Risk and Resilience.

MOTION:

I move that the district vote to transfer \$20,000 from free cash to fund Risk and Resilience Assessment.

DESCRIPTION:

On October 23, 2018, America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) was signed into law. AWIA Section 2013 requires community (drinking) water systems serving more than 3,300 people to develop or update risk assessments and emergency response plans (ERPs). The law specifies the components that the risk assessments and ERPs must address, and establishes deadlines by which water systems must certify to EPA completion of the risk assessment and ERP.

This needs to be completed every 5 years.

SIXTEEN: ENGINEERING OF THE MAIN TRANSMISSION LINE

To see inf the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from free cash and/or available funds to fund the design improvements of the 8" transmission line in the swamp from Henshaw St to Route 56 servicing all of Rochdale.

MOTION:

I move the District vote to transfer \$175,000 from free cash to fund the design work associated with the improvements and upgrades to the 8" Transmission line servicing the Rochdale Service area.

DESCRIPTION:

In October of 2024 the District responded to a major water main break on the Transmission line servicing the Rochdale Portion of the District. The current 8" Transmission line is the original water main from the early 1900s. This leak exposed the District to a major portion of the infrastructure that is need of updating and replacements. Unlike most of the water mains in Cherry Valley, the transmission main connecting Rochdale to Cherry Valley portion of the system is located in both wooded areas and swamp areas spanning over 1.5 miles. This article will allocate funds to start the design of replacing the current transmission main with a new and possibly larger transmission main to better service the Rochdale service area for years to come.

SEVENTEEN: KETTLEBROOK CROSSING WATER MAIN

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or free cash, or otherwise provide a sum of money, or any other sum, from any available funding source or by available means to enable the District to fund the construction of the replacement of the water main crossing over the Kettle Brook on

Main St. and to pay all costs related thereto including engineering services, administrative services, legal services, and construction services, or to take any action thereon

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to transfer funds from free cash not exceeding \$350,000 for the Kettle Brook Crossing Water Main project.

DESCRIPTION:

Last year District voters authorized the design of this project. This article is designed to partially fund the construction and installation of the water line and cover any additional engineering expenses for the project. The District has applied for a grant to fund this project as well. In the event of receiving the grant successfully the funds from this article will only be utilized to cover any match portion of the grant.

EIGHTEEN – CLOSE OUT OF PRIOR PROJECTS

To see if the district will vote to close-out the below projects that were previously approved at prior annual Water District Meetings,

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the District Close out the Sargent Street Water line and Technologies upgrades projects and return to the general fund the unused funds appropriated for said projects in the amount of:

Sargent Street Water Line	\$38,276.51
Technology Upgrade	\$3,237.50
Total:	\$41,514.01

DESCRIPTION:

These projects were completed, and these are the remaining funds left in each account. This article will move the money back into the general fund.

You are hereby directed to serve this WARRANT by posting an attested copy at the Leicester Fire Department, Company No. 2, 226 Main Street, Cherry Valley, MA; Rochdale Post Office, 1138 Stafford Street, Rochdale, MA; at the Church Building, 672 Pleasant Street, Rochdale, MA; at the Leicester Town Hall and the Oxford Town Hall seven (7) days at least before said meeting.

Given under our hands, this 29th day of April, two thousand twenty-five (April 29, 2025).

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. McGinn, Commissioner

Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Cheryl Balkus, District Clerk

(SEAL)

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BUDGET

CHERRY VALLEY AND ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR, 2026 BUDGET

ACCOUNT	FY 2025	FY 2026
	APPROVED	PROPOSED
ACCOUNTING	20,100.00	23,000.00
CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	6,668.41	7,113.41
CITY OF WORCESTER	\$280,000.00	315,245.95
CONSULTING SERVICE	15,000.00	20,000.00
CONTINUING ED	8,000.00	8,400.00
DEP SDWA ASSESSMENT	650.00	650.00
LEAK DETECTION AND STAND PIPE	12,000.00	12,000.00
MASTER METERS CALIBRATION	2,500.00	2,500.00
ELECTRICITY	59,318.99	59,318.99
FIELD SUPPLIES	8,050.00	8,452.50
HEAT	3,080.00	3,080.00
INSURANCE	134,485.31	150,559.45
LAB WORK	22,843.31	23,985.48
LEGAL FEES	9,000.00	9,000.00
METERS	40,600.00	44,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	500.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXP	12,600.00	13,230.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	16,450.00	16,450.00
OFFICER'S SALARY	6,400.00	6,400.00
PAYROLL	323,418.18	364,581.57
PIPES	20,000.00	20,600.00
POSTAGE	7,560.00	9,280.00
PROPERTY TAX	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
REPAIR/MAINT	18,500.00	19,425.00
RETIREMENT	81,417.00	83,730.00
SERVICES	15,690.00	20,490.00
SMALL TOOLS	3,514.50	3,690.23
SUB CONTRACTORS	44,500.00	48,950.00
TECHNOLOGY	27,900.00	32,670.00
TELEPHONE	3,815.00	3,815.00
Sub Total A	\$ 1,209,060.71	\$ 1,335,617.58
Capital	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Debt Service		
MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust	34,470.00	34,470.00
Reserve	50,000.00	50,000.00
Sub Total B	\$ 104,470.00	\$ 104,470.00
Required Revenue (A+B)	\$ 1,313,530.71	\$ 1,440,087.58

Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water District
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,492,311
Investments		255,868.00
Accounts Receivable		29,757.00
Tax Titles Receivable		22,676.00
Other Receivables		632.00
Lease Receivable, Current Portion		8,885.00
Prepaid Expenses		12,556.00
Total Current Assets		1,822,685.00

NONCURRENT ASSETS:

Lease Receivable, Net of Current Portion		1,350,672.00
Stabilization Funds		30,042.00
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		3,469,873.00
Total Noncurrent Assets		4,850,587.00

Deferred Outflows Related to Pension		194,357.00
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TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

6,867,629.00

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$	779
Accrued Expenses		15,339.00
Bond Payable, Current Portion		27,271.00
Total Current Liabilities		43,389.00

NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:

Net Pension Liability		835,848.00
Net OPEB Liability		68,384.00
Bond Loan Payable, Net of Current Portion		307,534.00
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		1,211,766.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES

1,255,155.00

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:

Deferred Inflows Related to Pension		106,118.00
Deferred Inflows Related to Lease Receivables		1,210,971.00
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		1,317,089.00

NET POSITION:

Net Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Restricted		3,135,068.00
Unrestricted		232,526.00
Total Net Position		927,791.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION

6,867,629.00

CHERRY VALLEY AND ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

REVENUES:	Water Usage	\$	1,293,560
	Repairs and Connections		4,500.00
	Penalties		13,165.00
	Other Charges		6,809.00
	Total Revenues		1,318,034.00
EXPENSES:			15,000.00
	Accounting		2,600.00
	Chemical Supplies		272,641.00
	City of Worcester - Water Purchase		52,538.00
	Consulting Services		3,653.00
	Continuing Education		560.00
	DEP Assessment		164,014.00
	Depreciation Expense		10,104.00
	Inspections		30,662.00
	Electricity		5.51
	Field Supplies		1,063.00
	Utilities Heat		125,645.00
	Insurance		18,484.00
	Lab Work		707.00
	Legal Fees		34,751.00
	Meters		3,542.00
	Miscellaneous		10,392.00
	Motor Vehicle		12,485.00
	Office Expense		6,373.00
	Officer's Salary		19,971.00
	Other Postemployment Benefits Expense		291,234.00
	Payroll		14,984.00
	Pipe Supplies		83,261.00
	Worcester Regional Retirement		6,024.00
	Postage		5,960.00
	Property Tax		7,321.00
	Repairs & Maintenance		12,145.00
	Service Agreements		2,635.00
	Small Tools		11,105.00
	Subcontractors		19,507.00
	Technology		2,667.00
	Telephone		1,247,533
	Total Expenses		70,501.00
	OPERATING INCOME		45,235.00
	NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES):		86,645.00
	Grant Income		29,754.00
	Net Investment Income		(6,684.00)
	Lease Income		154,950.00
	Interest Expense		225,451.00
	Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)		95,683.00
	CHANGE IN NET POSITION		3,974,251.00
	Prior Period Adjustment		\$4,295,385
	NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		
	NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR		

CHERRY VALLEY AND ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 1,328,836
Cash Paid to Vendors	(624,676.00)
Cash Paid for Employee Benefits	(194,965.00)
Cash Paid to Employees	(297,607.00)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	211,588
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of Capital Assets	(246,782.00)
Grant Income	44,603.00
Lease Income	41,267.00
Repayment of Bond Payable	(26,692.00)
Payment of Bond Interest Expense	{7,230}
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing	(194,834.00)
CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest Income	32,005.00
Transfer to Stabilization Fund	(30,000.00)
Purchase of Investments	(250,000.00)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(247,995.00)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(231,241.00)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JULY 1	1,723,552
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JUNE 30	\$ 1,492,311
Reconciliation of Changes in Net Position to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$ 70,501
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by	
Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	164,014.00
Pension Expense	83,261.00
OPEB Expense	19,971.00
(Increase) Decrease in:	
Accounts Receivable	3,322.00
Tax Title Receivables	7,480.00
Prepaid Expenses Increase (Decrease) in:	4,217.00
Accounts Payable	(41,470.00)
Accrued Expenses	(13,943.00)
Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability	(4,348.00)
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	(81,417.00)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	211,588.00

115th ANNUAL REPORT
PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS' FY 2025

1 CHAIRMAN	\$2,191.18	Annually
2 COMMISSIONERS	\$2,091.18	Annually

CVRWD MONTHLY WATER RATES

MONTHLY BASE CHARGE:	\$25.00
0-1000 CF	\$0.1064/CF
EXCESS OF 1,001 CF BUT NOT GREATER THAN 1,500 CF	\$0.1408/CF
EXCESS OF 1,501 CF BUT NOT GREATER THAN 2,000 CF	\$0.1632/CF
EXCESS OF 2,000 CF	\$0.1884/CF

ESTIMATED BILLS: If a meter fails to record water consumption, the customer may be issued an estimated bill, based on the historical water consumption as recorded by the meter when in order.

DUE DATE / LATE FEE: All payments are due and payable on the 15th of each month. After the 15th of the month, the customer is charged a \$5.00 penalty per service.

PAST DUE ACCOUNTS: Current bills are considered to be past due after the due date. Past due accounts are subject to termination of water service. All past due bills are considered to be delinquent and appear hereon as a second notice.

SERVICE TERMINATIONS: If water service is terminated, a re-connection fee will be charged prior to restoring service. Additionally, it is the right of the District to charge a demand fee to any customer receiving demand notices.

NO DISCOUNTS: Both the Water and Sewer Districts are small districts funded by you, the rate payers. Allowing discounts would be an additional cost burden to the remaining rate payers, who would not qualify for a discount. Therefore, no discounts are available.

"Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District is an equal opportunity provider, and employer."

To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD)."

**Monthly Record of Water Purchased In
2024**

	Purchased	Produced		Purchased	Produced
January	3,938,000	1,704,395	July	5,314,031	1,341,468
February	3,887,000	1,313,670	August	4,662,688	1,463,393
March	4,418,750	1,349,616	September	4,971,469	1,328,255
April	5,191,000	1,577,541	October	5,959,719	1,140,256
May	7,412,000	1,641,537	November	5,791,000	0
June	5,683,000	1,479,014	December	4,562,844	0

Total in 2024	76,130,646 gallons = Avg of 208,577gpd
Total in 2023	65,921,170 gallons = Avg of 180,606 gpd
Total in 2022	60,406,401 gallons = Avg of 165,497 gpd
Total in 2021	58,898,359 gallons = Avg of 161,365.37 gpd
Total in 2020	67,212,083 gallons = Avg. of 184,143 gpd
Total in 2019	74,710,440 gallons = Avg. of 204,686 gpd
Total in 2018	73,262,885 gallons = Avg. of 200,720 gpd
Total In 2017	79,152,994 gallons = Avg. of 216,857 gpd
Total In 2016	100,343,586 gallons = Avg. of 274,914gpd
Total In 2015	93,600,595 gallons = Avg. of 256,440 gpd
Total In 2014	94,732,478 gallons = Avg. of 259,512 gpd

Hydrants	Cherry Valley	80
	Rochdale	73
	Oxford	11
	Total	164

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
RECORD OF VOTE – 114TH ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2024**

A meeting of the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District was held at the Town Hall Auditorium, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, Massachusetts eighteenth day of May, two thousand and twenty-four (May 16, 2024) fifteen (15) were in attendance, all of whom were eligible voters.

The Annal Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mr. Arthur Levesque, A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the annual warrant, for it is published in the 114th Annual report, which was in the hands of the voters.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED

ARTICLE 1 – MODERATOR

A motion was made and seconded to nominate **John Shocik** to the position of **Moderator** to preside at said meeting and for a term of one (1) year.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 2 – PRINTED REPORTS

A motion was made and seconded to accept the **Printed Reports** of the Commissioners and District Treasurer, which were included in the 114th Annual Report.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 3- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Following Officers Were Elected:

District Commissioner for Three (3) Years: Arthur Levesque

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 4 - FY 25 BUDGET

A motion was made and seconded, and the district voted to appropriate from available funds (water revenue) the sum of **\$1,198,530.71 (One Million one hundred ninety eight thousand five hundred thirty dollars and seventy one cents) and transfer from free cash \$115,000 (one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars) for a total of \$1,313,530.71 (One million three hundred thirteen thousand five hundred thirty dollars and seventy one cents)** for the operating **budget for fiscal year 2025**, as set forth in the **114TH** Annual Report, to provide for the District's annual operating requirements, including but not limited to, salaries, related services, office expenses, maintenance, construction and any other items related thereto; to execute any instruments or documents necessary or appropriate to accomplish said purposes.

VOTED: MAJORITY. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 5 – REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION REVIEW

A motion was made and seconded and the district voted to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for legal services, administrative services, and engineering services (including but not limited to, design, plan review, and inspection of the project(s) being constructed) in connection with any water system design, review, and construction.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 6 - REVOLVING FUND FOR WATER METERS

A motion was made and seconded, and the district voted to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees paid pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which, expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners, for the purchase and installation of water meters.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 7 - REVOLVING FUND FOR TERMINATION

A motion was made and seconded, and the district voted to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to establish a fund to receive and deposit fees pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1996, and, from which expenditures may be made by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purchase and rental of supplies and equipment associated with the District's Service Termination Process, including but not limited to construction and excavation equipment rental, police details, backfill materials such as processed gravel and sand, asphalt, pipe, fittings and appurtenances.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 8 – TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to transfer funds from free cash not exceeding \$31,000 (Thirty-one thousand dollars and zero cents) to complete an upgrade to a new billing software, updates to the fire and security systems.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED

ARTICLE 9 – ADOPT OPEB TRUST

A motion was made and seconded to vote to adopt and accept the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the *Massachusetts General Laws*, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; to authorize the Board of Commissioners and Treasurer to execute a declaration of trust creating an expendable trust for the purpose of holding monies appropriated to such fund; to designate the Treasurer as the trustee of such trust; to authorize the transfer of any and all monies currently held for the purpose of paying retiree health and life benefits to such trust; and to authorize the trustee to invest and reinvest the monies in such fund accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule established under Chapter 203C of the *Massachusetts General Laws*.

VOTED: MAJORITY. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 10 – FUNDING OPEB ACCOUNT

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$53,761 from Free Cash to deposit into the Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund.

VOTED: MAJORITY. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 11 – STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

A motion was made and seconded to establish a Grindstone Well Stabilization fund account pursuant to Mass General Law Chapter 40 Section 5B.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED

ARTICLE 12: FUNDING STABLIZATION ACCOUNT

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$30,000 from free cash and move it to the Grindstone Well Stabilization account.

VOTED: 14 IN FAVOR 1 AGAINST. APPROVED.

ARTICLE 13 – USE OF STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

A motion was made and seconded to be allowed to use up to \$25,000 out of the Grindstone Well Stabilization account if work needs to be done on the Grindstone Well.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED

ARTICLE 14 – CLOSE OUT OF PRIOR PROJECTS

A motion was made and seconded to Close out the purchase of truck, heat project and grindstone well project and return to the general fund the unused funds appropriated for said projects in the amount of:

Purchase of Truck	\$11,486.63
Heat Project	\$6,459.14
Grindstone Well	\$6,264.09
Total:	\$24,209.86

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED

ARTICLE 15 – ROUTE 9 / KETTLEBROOK WATER MAIN DESIGN

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$50,000 from free cash to fund the design of the water main upgrade and relocation for the water main crossing the Kettle Brook.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS. APPROVED

ARTICLE 16 – FINANCIAL PLANNING FORCAST

A motion was made and seconded to transfer from free cash \$50,000 to conduct a study for the purpose of a financial planning forecast to examine all the Districts costs and fees associated with the District's future Operations.

VOTED: MAJORITY. APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

I, Cheryl A. Balkus, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of vote taken by the voters of the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District at the Annual Meeting, May 16, 2024.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Balkus, DISTRICT CLERK