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New members join Board of Water Commissioners



Mara Humphrey



David Meisinger



Russ Stark

The Board of Water Commissioners recently changed several of its board members.

Mara Humphrey was added as a citizen member of the board in December of 2014.

David Meisinger joined the board in January as a suburban representative from West Saint Paul. He is the new mayor of West Saint Paul, taking over from John Zanmiller, who was previously on the board.

As of March, Russ Stark joined the board as a city representative to replace Kathy Lantry, who became the director of public works in Saint Paul. Stark is from Ward 4.

Finding the leak



Mike Bailey (foreground), water system worker, listens to a metal rod in direct contact with the water main for the sound of rushing water to narrow down the location of the water main break. Behind him, Tony Gillette, water system worker, drives a metal rod down a drilled hole to the pipe below so that Bailey can listen for leaks there, as well. Pete Davis' crew was responding to a main break near an elementary school at 674 Kenneth Street in Saint Paul on March 12. The rest of the crew consists of Pete Hollis, water system worker; Joe Moy, HEO; and Bob Hamm, driver operator.

Board approves 10-year capital investment plan

The Board of Water Commissioners passed a resolution at the March 10 meeting directing staff to include the SPRWS 10-year capital investment plan in the 2016 - 2019 strategic plan. It will be developed later this year and will be formally approved by the board this fall.

This means that we will be including the projects and programs outlined in the strategic plan in our budget proposals for the coming years. Each year's specific budget needs to be approved by the board and city council, but having the board pass this resolution provides us with broad background support for the investments. This support will be critical in getting the annual budgets (that include the projects) approved.

"I want to thank each and every one of you for your

part in bringing this effort, that began nearly two years ago, to this successful conclusion," said Steve Schneider, general manager. "All of the time and energy in the asset assessments, the other consultant studies, the financial analysis, and the many meetings and discussions were absolutely critical to our success.

"I believe that this investment plan will position SPRWS to continue its success in providing our customers with reliable, quality water and services at a reasonable cost," Schneider said. "I could not ask for a better group of employees here at SPRWS and I am proud of the work you do every day so we meet that mission. Thank you!"

Hibbard, Feldman earn promotions

Rich Hibbard and Ben Feldman both earned promotions to civil engineer III as of Monday, March 9.

They were both hired as civil engineer IIs in 2013.

Congratulations to them both.



Rich Hibbard



Ben Feldman

Terry Hartmann retires after 28 years

Terry Hartmann, water utility worker II, retired as of Jan. 28, 2015, after 28 years with the utility.

Hartmann started with the utility as a park aide in 1987. He was promoted to a water utility worker I in 1992.

In 2008, he was promoted to water utility worker II, the position from which he retires.

Congratulations and best wishes to Hartmann on his retirement.



Terry Hartmann

ID badge not working? It's time to renew!

Your ID badge has an expiration date printed on the back. Please check your badge.

If your ID expires and you do not renew it, you will no longer be able to access SPRWS facilities.

If you are up for renewal, please make an appointment to have your badge renewed before it expires.

For security reasons, badges will no longer be renewed without an updated photograph. Please arrange to have a new photo taken as part of the renewal process.

To set up an appointment, contact Derek Brown at 266-1627.



Your ID badge has an expiration date on the back. Please check it to make sure your badge is current.

Utility hires Derek Brown



Derek Brown

The water utility has hired Derek Brown as a water control systems information tech working at the treatment plant under Larry Larson.

One responsibility Brown has assumed is getting security badges updated. Be sure to call him to make an appointment to get your photo taken when your badge is renewed, 651-266-1627.

Still need to file your taxes?

Free tax help is available

If you haven't started on your taxes and need a little help, free assistance is available at your local library from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Since the first week in February, four sites within the city library system have been hosting tax preparation sessions. They are available through the second week in April.

You will need to bring all necessary paperwork and taxes will be filed electronically. Some locations will take reservations, while others are first-come, first-served. Times and dates also vary.

To find out times, locations, and more, check out the library's website at <http://guides.sppl.org/taxhelp>.