

**Representative Policy Board  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
Minutes of February 18, 2021 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, February 18, 2021, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Mike Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Joseph Cermola  
Anthony DiSalvo  
Kevin Curseaden  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Beth Nesteriak  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Edward O. Norris III  
Jeanine Reckdenwald  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Tara Augur  
Orville Kelly  
Jim Hill

**Counsel**

Bruce McDermott, Esq.

**Absent**

Derby	Frank Pepe
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Safety Moment**

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

**Minutes**

On motion made by Thomas P. Clifford III, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB approved the minutes of its January 21, 2021 meeting as distributed, with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye

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Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

### Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on the Code of Ethics Compliance for the period ended November 30, 2020. He reported no violations.

He also communicated that the town of Bethany is in orange level alert for COVID; the other towns are at level red.

### Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The committee met with management to review Authority compensation for FY 2022. The recommendation is a 3% merit increase effective June 1, 2021. Mr. Slocum moved for adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that based on the recommendation of the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee, effective June 1, 2021 the compensation of the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) Chairperson be increased to \$34,500 per year and the compensation of members of the RWA who do not serve as Chairperson be increased to \$25,200 per year.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and, the RPB approved the Proposed Resolution, with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the committee met numerous times to discuss changes to the RPB Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints (“RPB Rules of Practice”), which included revisions to Section 8(b), which would reduce the number of days from fifteen (15) to five (5) for the RPB to act on an Authority Application. The committee also reviewed expedited processes timelines for capital projects and rate applications.

The capital project expedited processes would include receipt of the Application by the RPB on the same day it is approved by the Authority and include an overview of the Application by management. The Application would then be recommended to the appropriate committee for a special meeting to review for completeness, mode and date of public hearing; shortening the process for approval to approximately nine (9) weeks.

The rate application expedited process reduces the number of days for a public hearing by one month.

Mr. Clifford moved for adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Representative Policy Board hereby adopts the proposed changes to its Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints, Section 8(b), as presented to the meeting, and set forth on the pages attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mr. Mongillo seconded the motion and the RPB adopted the resolution, with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The committee met with management to review Authority compensation for FY 2022. **Land Use Committee** – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met last week and received a presentation from management on the historic areas of the Land Use Plan.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met in January and received a presentation from management on cyber security.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority also met as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. DiSalvo, Chair of the Audit Risk Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. He reported that the Authority discussed the FY 2021 audit plan and current and future accounting standards.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. The Authority reviewed the blue sky roadmap, which revised the 2025 and the 2050 strategic plan. Ms. Nesteriak, RWA's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, reported on activities over the past month, which included:

- Status of COVID-19 at RWA
- Status of State of Connecticut vaccination protocols
- Status of remote work protocols
- Disinfection and increased cleaning procedures

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President & Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses through January 31, 2020, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2021 is 114%, with no shortfall, with operating and maintenance expenses projected at the lower revised budget level, a significant factor in the year-end coverage projection. He stated that there is still considerable uncertainty of the financial impact of the pandemic and that it is important to note that we are not fully

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back to normal in January as our revised budget assumed. Management will continue to watch expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

He also reported that reservoir levels as of February 16, 2021, were 85 %, compared to the long-term average of 80 %.

Chair Ricozzi acknowledge Attorney Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary