

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Minutes of the April 25, 2024 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Borowy presided.

Present: Authority – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, Ricozzi, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Calo, DiFrancesco, and Messrs. Bingaman, Cosma, DelVecchio, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and Watsey
RPB – Mr. Slocum
Grant & Eisenhofer – Attys. McGee and Sangree
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Chair Borowy offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President & Chief Executive Officer, introduced Ms. DiFrancesco, the RWA’s Multimedia Communications & Education Team Lead, and Mr. Watsey, the RWA’s Director of Public Affairs, who highlighted a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly to the RWA for its protection and stewardship of precious natural water resources for its community.

At 12:34 p.m., Ms. DiFrancesco and Mr. Watsey withdrew from the meeting, and on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to recess the regular meeting to meet as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 2:04 p.m., Mr. DelVecchio withdrew from the meeting and the Authority reconvened.

Ms. LaMarr moved for approval of the following resolutions, as recommended by the Pension & Benefit Committee:

1. Additional Pension Contribution – FY 2024

RESOLVED, that based, on the recommendation of the its Pension & Benefit Committee, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority authorizes an increase of \$250,000 as a combined contribution to the South Central Connecticut Retirement Plan and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Salaried Employees’ Retirement Plan during fiscal year 2024.

2. Salaried

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$2,397,959 to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Salaried Employees’ Retirement Plan, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2024; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the continued use of the PubG-2010 Above Median Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2024.

3. *Union*

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$1,083,084 to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Union Employees' Retirement Plan, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2024; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the continued use of the PubG-2010 Total Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2024.

4. *VEBA*

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$1,694,075 to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Retired Employees' Contributory Welfare Trust, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2024; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the continued use of the mortality table for the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Retired Employees' Contributory Welfare Trust, the PubG.H.-2010 Employee, Healthy Annuitant, and Contingent Survivor with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective as of the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2024.

Mr. Ricoszi seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote:

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricoszi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Following discussion, on a motion made by Ms. LaMarr, and seconded by Mr. Curseaden, the Authority voted to adopt amendments to the Investment Policy Statement as presented.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricoszi	Aye
Sack	Nay

On motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive, as appropriate, the following items in the Consent Agenda, as amended:

1. Minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting.
2. Capital budget authorization for May 2024:

RESOLVED, that the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 for the month of May 2024 for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn pursuant to such requisition is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved

notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded. In the absence of the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, the Controller is authorized to sign in her place.

3. Capital Budget Transfer Notifications for May 2024.
4. Monthly Financial Report – March 2024.
5. Accounts Receivable Update - March 2024.
6. FY 2024-2025 Application Schedule.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

[BREAK FROM 2:10 P.M. TO 2:20 P.M.]

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, reported on Type B3 Amendments for the Authority’s approval to: 1) transfer funds from the West River Treatment Plan Improvements Capital budget account to the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement project budget account, and 2) transfer of funds from the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Ozone and DAF Controls project capital budget account, the Derby Wellfield Facility Improvements capital budget account, the Lead Service Line Replacement capital budget account, and the CIS project account, to the project reserve account to be held for FY 2025.

Mr. Ricozzi moved for approval of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the transfer of \$651,000 from the West River Water Treatment Plant Improvements capital budget account to the Filter Media Replacement capital budget account; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the transfer of \$550,000 from the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Ozone and DAF Controls project capital budget account, \$1,100,000 from the Derby Wellfield Facility Improvements capital budget account, \$1,250,000 from the Lead Service Line Replacement capital budget account, and \$1,415,000 from the CIS capital budget account to the project reserve account.

Ms. LaMarr seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote:

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Authority members reported on recent Representative Policy Board committee meetings.

At 2:27 p.m., Mr. Slocum withdrew from the meeting and Mr. Singh entered the meeting.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President & Chief Executive Officer:

- Provided an update on the changes to the RWA’s enabling legislation. He stated that the house unanimously approved the proposed changes and it is now waiting for the Senate vote. Discussions have been positive and a vote in favor of the bill is expected.
- Highlighted that he accompanied Mr. Tracy, the RWA’s Invasive Species Management Technician, to view an automated puller to remove Japanese barberry at one of the RWA’s properties. He noted that this method was used previously and is very effective in clearing areas of invasive species. They also visited a bat hibernaculum.
- Reported Mr. Watsey lead a tree-planting group in Hamden. Last year trees were planted in New Haven. The goal is to plant trees in various locations in the service territory as a good neighbor exercise.
- Commented on a video that would be displayed on the RWA’s website for district residents to educate them about the RWA’s potholing, a method to identify service lines material. [The video can be found by visiting <https://youtu.be/BSaz9ejTfCI>]

At 2:35 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1- 200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(b), pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and, Mss. Kowalski, Calo, and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 2:50 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session. Mr. Singh withdrew from the meeting and Atty. McGee entered the meeting. On motion made by Ms. LaMarr, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(B) to discuss matters pertaining to litigation. Present in executive session were Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Atty. McGee, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 3:00 p.m., Atty. Sangree and Mr. Cosma entered the meeting.

At 3:18 p.m., Attys. McGee and Sangree withdrew from the meeting.

At 3:26 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session. On motion made by Ms. Sack, and seconded by Mr. Curseaden, the Authority voted to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session

were Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Cosma, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 4:42 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session. On motion made by Ms. Sack, and seconded by Mr. Curseaden, the meeting adjourned.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.