

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of August 24, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Branford	Vacant
Cheshire	Tim Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Milford	Richard Smith

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

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

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB approved the minutes of its July 27, 2023 meeting as distributed, with 73 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Communications

Chair Harvey acknowledged Mr. Clifford, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who reported on the committee meeting earlier in the week. He stated that members should refer to the minutes on record. The Committee's next meeting is tentatively scheduled on October 4, 2023 and members will meet with the incumbent whose term is set to expire at the end of the year.

Atty. McDermott, of Murtha Cullina, LLP, was present to review and discuss questions related to RPB Vote Requirements. This included the technical issues associated with the RPB's July 27th vote to approve the Authority's Application for the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project (DWCIP), which included:

- DWCIP vote totals
- RPB vacancy relating to total weighted vote
- Enabling legislation presumptions
- Network connection issues

Options RPB members discussed the options regarding the DWCIP as well as in-person voting, future rules, governance and noticing requirements.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Clifford motioned for approval of a revote of the July 27, 2023 Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for the Authority's Application for Approval of the DWCIP.

Before the vote, Mr. Marino stated, Robert's Rules of Order provide for reconsiderations. In the event of a re-consideration, the RPB would reconsider the vote based on certain RPB members' inability to vote due to technology issues. . This process would avoid setting a precedent going forward.

After further discussion of the options, on motion made by Mr. Clifford, the RPB voted to amend the motion for a revote to a motion for reconsideration of the vote for approval of the DWCIP, which weighted vote was impacted by technical issues at the RPB's July 27th meeting.

Mr. Marino seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 73 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Jaser moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project, dated April 28, 2023, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 62 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Jaser moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for approval to Purchase the Assets of Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing Company, dated May 26, 2023, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 60 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Marino moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of its Finance Committee, the Representative Policy Board hereby approves the South Central Connecticut Regional Authority's engagement of CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) for auditing services for a three-year period, with the option to renew for two additional years, commencing in FY 2024.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 73 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month to receive and update from management on the audit proposal and made a recommendation to the RPB. The Committee also reviewed the RWA’s Ten Year Model potential and prior scenarios.

The next meeting is on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., via teams.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the week and received an update from management on the Customer Information System.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Clifford, Chair of the Nominating Committee, had nothing further to report.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, thanked RPB members for their support of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project.

He reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Compensation Committee to review the results of a compensation study with Willis Towers Watson for competitiveness. The Committee also adjusted the Chief Executive Officer’s compensation after a positive review last month.

Mr. Borowy also stated that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Strategic Planning Committee to receive a succession planning update from management.

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Authority’s Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, met earlier in the day and received updates on the Lead and Copper Rule revisions, Business Continuity Plan, HazWaste Central, and existing security and safety.

Mr. Borowy further reported that the Authority also met as the sole member of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund and reappointed four directors, including Authority member Catherine LaMarr, for another three-year term.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and CEO, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended July 31, 2023 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 114%, with no shortfall. However, during July and August the RWA did experience low production levels due to the wet summer, which may affect August billing. The RWA continues to monitor the expenses and revenues closely and the effects of the economy on customers’ ability to pay.

He also reported that as of August 14, 2023 reservoir levels are at 94%, compared to the long-term average of 78%.

Land Use Committee – In Mr. Betkoski’s absence, Mr. Malloy reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met at the Derby Tank and received a project update and site tour from management. He stated that the project is nearing completion and expected to be online at the end of October.

He also reported on the upcoming public hearings for the dispositions of Beech Street and Poms Lane at North Branford Town Hall on September 28th, a recent Bass tournament at Lake Saltonstall, Honk Camp morning of fishing program and New Haven PALS Camp at Maltby Lakes.

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Ms. Campbell, RPB New Haven Representative, thanked the RWA for use of its Water Wagon at the Family Fun Monday event in New Haven.

At 7:33 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously adopted with 73 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project.
2. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for approval of the Purchase of Assets of Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing Company.