

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

Minutes of September 28, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

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

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden (remote)
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack (remote)

Management

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

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame

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. Havrda, the RPB approved the minutes of its August 24, 2023 meeting as distributed, 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)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	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)	Absent

Communications

Chair Harvey stated that members received the draft Criteria from the Nominating Committee for Authority member.

Reports

Finance Committee – In Mr. Marino’s absence, the Finance Committee had nothing to report.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Malloy, of the Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to receive an update on the RWA Police. The update took place in executive session. The Committee also received monthly land and invasive species updates.

The next meeting is on October 11, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at Lake Saltonstall in Branford. The Committee will hold its annual pizza dinner. All RPB members are invited to attend.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month and received an update from management on the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Audit-Risk Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. She stated that the Committee met with the RWA’s auditor CliftonLarsonAllen to review the results of the fiscal 2023 audit.

At 6:36 p.m., Messrs. Marino and Smith entered the meeting.

Mr. Borowy also stated that at the meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Commercial Business Committee and received an update on RWA’s commercial business.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and CEO, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended August 31, 2023 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 114%, with no shortfall. He reported that August billings were lower than expected due to weather. However, due to higher interest rates RWA’s investment earnings are higher, PILOT is favorable to budget, and the timing of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing is also favorable. Due to lower water revenues, RWA is taking steps to defer certain expenses.

At 6:40 p.m., Messrs. Curseaden and Jaser entered the meeting.

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Mr. Bingaman also reported that as of September 18, 2023 reservoir levels were at 89%, compared to the long-term average of 71%.

He highlighted that the spoke on behalf of the RWA at a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier in the month at Southern Connecticut State University's (SCSU) new school of business. He, Mr. Borowy, members of the Leadership Team, and other community leaders were present including the Governor, President of Gateway Community College and SCSU. He stated that the RWA and the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund were contributors and have a room named after them. The event was a good opportunity for the RWA to contribute to the community.

RPB members acknowledged the RWA's positive community involvement and discussed profits related to RWA's for-profit ventures.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, who had nothing to report.

At 6:44 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously adopted with 87 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)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	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