

**Representative Policy Board
Finance Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Via Remote Access**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 9 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Present: Vincent M. Marino, Tom Clifford, Jay Jaser, Tim Slocum(R), Michelle Verderame(R), and Jamie Mowat Young(R)

RPB: Robert E. Harvey, Jr.(R), Naomi Campbell(R), James X. DiCarlo(R), and Charles Havrda(R)

FMA: David Borowy(R) and Mario Ricoszi(R)

Management: Rochelle Kowalski, Sunny Lakshminarayanan, and Jim Hill(R)

OCA: Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Marino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Jaser, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of its November 4, 2024 meeting.

Chair Marino stated it would be appropriate to convene in executive session to discuss Authority member compensation. Before going into executive session he acknowledged Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Five Member Authority ("FMA"), who provided comments related to increased workload, job changes, considerations, and adjustments.

Mr. Ricoszi, FMA member, also commented on time spent doing research related to PFAS, lead and copper, etc. He also asked for the Finance Committee's consideration of future and upcoming responsibilities related to possible acquisition and growth of the FMA.

After discussion, at 5:09 p.m., Messrs. Borowy and Ricoszi withdrew from the meeting and on motion made by Mr. Jaser and seconded by Ms. Young, the Committee voted unanimously to convene in executive session to pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(2), pertaining to personnel. Present in executive session were Committee members, Messrs. Harvey, DiCarlo, Havrda, Lakshminarayanan, Hill and Atty Donofrio, and Mss. Campbell, Kowalski, and Slubowski.

At 5:57 p.m., the Committee came out of executive session.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, and seconded by Mr. Slocum, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Representative Policy Board an increase of \$1,500 per year for members of the FMA.

At 5:58 p.m., Messrs. Borowy and Ricoszi entered the meeting.

Chair Marino reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

The Committee reviewed the FY 2026 budget schedule. After consideration, the Committee set its meeting to review the proposed FY 2026 budget with management on April 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that members would receive copies of the budget electronically unless they contacted the board office to request a paper copy.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development, reviewed the Quarterly Report on RPB Approved Projects, which included:

- Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant (LGWTP) Clarifier, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration
- LGWTP HVAC and Electrical Improvements
- Lake Whitney Dam & Spillway Improvements Phase I – Initial Design Project
- Customer Information System
- Derby Wellfield Facility Chemical Improvements
- Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed Improvements

There was no new business to report.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

At 6:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Jaser, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Vincent M. Marino, Chair

(R) = Attended remotely.