

**Representative Policy Board  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
Minutes of December 15, 2022 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, December 15, 2022, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia  
Bethany  
Branford  
Cheshire  
East Haven  
Guilford  
Hamden  
Killingworth  
Madison  
New Haven  
North Haven  
Orange  
Prospect  
Seymour  
West Haven  
Woodbridge

Thomas P. Clifford III  
Brian Eitzer  
Mario Ricozzi  
Timothy Slocum  
Michelle Verderame  
Charles Havrda  
Stephen Mongillo  
Jamie Mowat Young  
Joseph A. Oslander  
Naomi Campbell  
Anthony P. Rescigno  
Jasper J. Jaser  
Robert E. Harvey, Jr.  
Mike Horbal  
T. Gregory Malloy  
Mark Levine

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Anthony DiSalvo  
Catherine LaMarr  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

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

**Counsel**

Raquel Herrera-Soto, Esq.

**Absent**

Beacon Falls  
Derby  
Milford  
North Branford  
Governor’s Rep

Peter Betkoski  
Frank Pepe  
Richard Smith  
Peter DeSantis  
Vincent M. 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.

**Public Comment**

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

**Minutes**

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On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its November 17, 2022 meeting as distributed, with 78 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)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

### Communications

Chair Ricoszi stated that the special RPB committee meetings to review the FY 2024 Budget with management have been scheduled as follows:

- Consumer Affairs Committee and Finance Committee joint meeting on Monday, April 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- Land Use Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

RPB members are welcome to attend either meeting.

Ms. Slubowski stated that Conflict of Interest Forms are due and should be submitted to the board office as soon as possible.

### Reports:

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the week. The Committee met with management to review and discuss the updated RPB Dashboard Report. Committee members added some additional input that management will look into and review with the Committee at its January 2023 meeting.

The Committee also reviewed the Quarterly Report on RPB approved projects. The next meeting in on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**Land Use Committee** – In Mr. Betkoski's absence, Mr. Harvey reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the week. He stated that management provided a presentation on the Safe Yield Model and the implementation and future impact on RWA's water supply.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. and will receive a presentation from management on RWA's Accounts Receivable Strategy, which will take place in executive session.

Mr. Slocum commented that the meeting would be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee. All RPB Finance Committee members and RPB members are invited to attend.

Discussion took place regarding the format of the executive sessions at the November Consumer Affairs Committee meeting.

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

Ms. LaMarr, chair of the Authority's Audit-Risk Committee reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee conducted most of its business in executive session to discuss internal controls and a risk assessment update from management, which included the process, recommendations and next steps.

The Committee also received a Cyber Technology Resiliency update from management. The discussion included focus areas: cyber roadmap, cyber functional exercise, phishing campaigns, employees, and the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) quarterly dashboard for RWA.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reported on the Authority meeting that took place earlier in the day. The Authority reviewed the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations and voted to move it to the RPB for consideration. He also reported that the proposed Rate Case was less than previously expected.

Mr. Bingaman also stated that the Authority voted to elect officers for next year, not including Chairman. Mr. Curseaden was re-elected as Vice Chair, and Ms. LaMarr was re-elected for the role of Secretary/Treasurer.

The Authority also reviewed a proposal by management to purchase 40 acres of land in Prospect and voted to approve management to take necessary action for the purchase. Management will consult with the Land Use Committee at its next meeting before moving forward as required by the enabling legislation.

He stated that the Authority also met as the Commercial Business Committee, in executive session, to discuss strategy. Mr. Bingaman reported that the commercial business is ahead of budget and available to review information with the RPB at a future date. The committee also discussed commercial business organic expansion, and acquisitions. .

Ms. Calo, the RWA's Sr. Director of Employee Relations & HR Operations, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA. She reported that there was one new case among RWA employees since last month.

Mr. Bingaman reported that he and RWA managers met earlier in the week with the Assistant Police Chief of the New Haven Police Department to discuss an early notification system and collaboration with the RWA. They also discussed ways to expose inner city children to RWA's forest areas and talked about instituting a program in partnership with the police department called Cops and Bobbers; a program developed for police to assist children with fishing. Mr. Bingaman also reported that the Assistant Police Chief was provided with contact information for the RWA's Police Captain. The meetings will continue on a month-to-month basis.

He also stated that earlier in the week management met with the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief of New Haven to discuss training on the use and testing of fire hydrants. The training sessions will be videotaped for use by other fire departments. The City of New Haven also talked about the RWA assisting with the replacement of fire hydrants and areas of low water pressure. . Mr. Bingaman noted that firehouse staff would be receiving a tour of the RWA's Control Room to understand the importance of the system and working together.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended October 31, 2022 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 123%, with no shortfall. The RWA remains conservative in its projections due to the uncertainty regarding the state of the economy.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of December 15, 2022, were 78%, compared to the long-term average of 69%.

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RPB members discussed police personnel and a security update from management in the future.

Chair Ricoszi, acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, who reported on the discussion earlier in the meeting regarding executive sessions. He stated that in order to comply with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, and to provide maximum transparency, executive sessions are required to be conducted separately since they may facilitate separate votes.

Chair Ricoszi wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Havrda, Secretary