

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of March 28, 2024 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

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

Regional Water Authority

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

Management

Adrian Cosma
Charles DelVecchio
Larry L. Bingaman
Elizabeth Calo (R)
Jim Hill
Rochelle Kowalski
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Tara Augur

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
Milford	Richard Smith
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment handout 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 Ms. Campbell, the RPB approved the minutes of its February 22, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 85 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)	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)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey stated that the Finance Committee would review the FY 2025 Budget at its regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024.

He also noted that there would be a joint meeting of the Land Use Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee to review the FY 2025 Budget on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with RWA’s external auditor, CliftonLarsonAllen, to review the 2024 audit plan. An update on the RPB approved capital projects was also provided.

The next meeting is on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Malloy reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. Ms. Smith, RWA’s Natural Resources Analyst, provided an update of the 2023 deer hunt.

The Committee will hold a special joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm to review the FY 2025 Budget.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met with management to receive and update on RWA’s educational outreach programs that are being offered to nearby school systems.

The Committee will hold a special joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm to review the FY 2025 Budget.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met to review the FY 2025 Budget. The Authority also met as the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee and the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. Ricoszi, Chair of the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with management to receive updates on the RWA’s Raw Water Quality Program, Invasive Species, and Health and Safety Initiatives.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Commercial Business Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day, the Committee met to discuss the third quarter commercial business results and other related initiatives. The meeting was held in executive session.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended February 29, 2024, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 120%, with no shortfall. Contributing to the higher coverage is prudent cost management and the RWA’s reduction to some discretionary spending to help offset the lower revenues due to the wet summer this past year.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of March 18, 2024, were 100%, compared to the long-term average of 87%.

Mr. Bingaman reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. The Authority approved a type B3 Amendment, which would transfer \$1.5 million to the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant project.

Mr. Bingaman reported on his recent testimony in favor of changes to the RWA's enabling legislation. Authority and RPB chairmen and the Office of Consumer Affairs also provided testimony in support of the changes. Last week, the changes passed unanimously out of the Planning and Development Committee.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio of the Office of Consumer Affairs who had nothing to report.

The next RPB meeting is on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

At 6:53 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy, and seconded by Ms. Mowat Young, the RPB voted to adjourn, with 85 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)	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)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.