

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

Minutes of the March 28, 2024 Meeting

A regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Borowy presided.

Present: Authority Members Present – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden (R), Ricozzi, and Mss. LaMarr (R) and Sack (R)
Management – Mss. Kowalski and Calo (R), and Messrs. Bingaman, Delvecchio, Hill (R), Lakshminarayanan, and Singh (R)
RPB – Mr. Jaser
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

Chair Borowy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

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

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President & Chief Executive Officer, introduced the presentation of the FY 2025 Capital Budget, including budget history and assumptions. He stated that the proposed total capital budget, excluding contingency, growth fund, and grants, is approximately \$46.9 million. The five-year plan aligns with the 10 year model, and after estimating grants is approximately \$44.9 million. The budget also includes recommendations from GHD.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, provided an overview of capital programs and funding, prioritization methodology, and highlights of Natural Resources, Treatment, Transmission & Pumping, and the five-year capital project plan.

The Authority discussed average main breaks as well as valve replacements and exercising. Mr. Bingaman stated that the RWA has implemented a new program to improve valve exercising, flushing, and leak detection. The program includes a budget allocation for valve replacement.

At 12:18 p.m., Mr. Jaser entered the meeting.

Mr. Singh, the RWA’s Chief Information Digital Officer & Vice President of Customer Care, provided highlights of the General Plant.

Mr. Bingaman reported that the five-year capital program is reviewed diligently for efficiency and prioritization. Pursuing grants and the implementation of the asset management program was also discussed.

Authority members discussed rate impact, pre-bidding, value engineering, project choice, consideration, timing and funding, PFAS removal, and the lead service line project.

At 12:30 p.m., Mr. Curseaden withdrew from the meeting and on motion made by Mr. Ricozzi, and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section

1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were the Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, DelVecchio, Hill, Jaser, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 12:57 p.m., Mr. Curseaden entered the meeting in-person.

At 1:37 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session.

Mr. Ricozzi moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that copies of the proposed Capital Budget and Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 beginning on June 1, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2025, be distributed to members of the Representative Policy Board and the Office of Consumer Affairs.

Ms. LaMarr seconded the motion and the Authority voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 1:37 p.m., Mr. DelVecchio withdrew from the meeting.

[BREAK FROM 1:37 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M.]

At 2:00 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to recess the regular meeting to meet as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 2:20 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

On motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive, as appropriate the following items in the Consent Agenda, as presented:

1. Minutes of the February 22, 2024 regular meeting, February 29, 2024 special meeting, and the March 13, 2024 special meeting.
2. Capital Budget Authorization for April 2024.

RESOLVED, the Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,250,000 for the month of April 2024 for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn pursuant to such requisition is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for fiscal year 2024 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded. In the absence of the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, the Controller is authorized to sign in her place.

3. Capital Budget Transfer Notifications – April 2024.
4. Accounts Receivable Update – February 2024.
5. Key Performance Indicators.
6. RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report.
7. 2023 Deer Hunt Update Memorandum.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the quarterly financial report for the 3rd quarter of FY 2024, which included:

- Balance Sheet
- Revenues, expenses, and changes in net position
- Operating and maintenance expenses and key variances
- FY 2024 capital expenditures and projections
- Investment earnings report

Ms. Kowalski reported on the need for a Type B3 Amendment for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers & Recycle Building Improvements project, due to supply chain challenges.

After discussion, Mr. Ricozzi moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Authority approves the transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers & Recycle Building Improvements capital budget account to the project reserve account.

Mr. Curseaden seconded the motion and the Authority voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye

Sack Aye

Authority members reported on recent Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) committee meetings and assignments were made for the second quarter 2024 RPB Committee meetings.

At 2:55 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were the Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Hill, Jaser, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo and Slubowski.

Borowy Aye
Curseaden Aye
LaMarr Aye
Ricozzi Aye
Sack Aye

At 3:20 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session.

Mr. Bingaman reported on his recent testimony in favor of changes to the RWA’s legislation. Authority and RPB chairs 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.

Mr. Bingaman also highlighted a recent meeting with the Mayor of Wallingford to discuss potential partnership opportunities.

At 3:22 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) for matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(19)(i)(ii), pertaining to security matters and pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(B) to discuss litigation. Present in executive session were the Authority members,

Borowy Aye
Curseaden Aye
LaMarr Aye
Ricozzi Aye
Sack Aye

At 3:37 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. On motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(D) to discuss real estate matters. Present in executive session were Authority members,

Borowy Aye
Curseaden Aye
LaMarr Aye
Ricozzi Aye
Sack Aye

At 3:41 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session.

Ms. Sack moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Authority hereby authorizes Sunny Lakshminarayanan, Vice President – Engineering & Environmental Services of South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority to execute any and all documents relating to the purchase of 10+/- acres located at 0 Easterly Dr. in Hamden, CT from the Viola H. Preisner Trust. This property is located within the Authority’s Lake Whitney watershed.

Mr. Ricozzi seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the Authority adopted the resolution unanimously.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 3:42 p.m., Mr. Jaser withdrew from the meeting and on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Ricozzi, the Authority voted to recess the Authority meeting to meet as the Commercial Business Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 5:28 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.