

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

Minutes of May 16, 2019 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) office, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. Chairman Clifford presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen A. Mongillo
Madison	Joseph Oslander
Milford	Benjamin Gettinger
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Killingworth	Vacant
North Branford	Jack Krasko
Seymour	Vacant
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Joseph A. Cermola
Anthony DiSalvo
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Linda Discepolo
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Ted Norris
Beth Silvia-Aramendi

Counsel

Paul McCary
Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Clifford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Clifford reviewed the safety moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Ms. Campbell, the RPB approved the minutes of its April 18, 2019 meeting, as distributed, with 55 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Abstain	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Vacant	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Vacant
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Abstain	West Haven (8)	Abstain
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Abstain	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Clifford reported:

- That the Nominating Committee for RPB Officers has been established and consists of Ms. Campbell and Messrs. Betkoski, Jaser, Mongillo, and Ricozzi, with Mr. Mongillo acting as Chairman.
- On the new process for the RWA's Code of Ethics Policy. Board members should have received an email reminder earlier in the week. Members should expect to receive these notices quarterly with the official paperwork submission done annually in November.
- RPB New Member orientation will take place on June 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at 90 Sargent Drive and a tour of Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant is scheduled for July 10, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. RPB members interested in attending either orientation should contact Ms. Slubowski.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the week to discuss the RWA's FY 2020 Capital and Operating and Maintenance budgets. He stated that members of the RPB had the opportunity to review the budgets and ask questions and referred to the OCA's letter dated May 9, 2019, specifically; facility upgrades and staff count. Mr. Ricozzi also commented on reuse of salvage materials.

Atty. Donofrio commented on his letter dated May 9, 2019 regarding his review of RWA's FY 2020 Capital and Operating Budgets and restated his support as discussed in his letter.

On motion made by Mr. Ricozzi, seconded by Mr. Jaser, the RPB acknowledged receipt of and recognized the need for the RWA's FY 2020 Budgets. The Chair called for the vote, with 89 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)	Vacant	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Vacant
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

At this time, the Chair asked that all attendees stand for a moment of silence in remembrance of Frank Conroy, the RPB's Seymour Representative and Claire Bennitt, the first female Chair of the Regional Water Authority, who recently passed away.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the week. He stated that the committee received an update from management regarding anticipated carry-over to the FY 2020 capital budget.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month at Wepawaug in Orange to tour the property and observe work being done on the dam. He also reported that reservoir levels were at 99%.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Gettinger, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet next week.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Mongillo reported that the committee had its first meeting earlier in the month. He stated that members interested in serving as an officer of the RPB should contact him, committee members, or Mrs. Slubowski before the deadline of May 31, 2019.

The Board viewed two short videos on RWA’s impact on two local businesses: New England Brewing Company and Modern Pizza.

Mr. DiSalvo, Chair of the Authority provided details of the service for Claire Bennitt and stated that he attended Mr. Conroy’s service last week along with Mr. Bingaman and Ms. Nesteriak.

Authority/Management – Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority discussed non-core revenue and ways to collaborate with the RPB.

He also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority met as the Audit-Risk Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the RWA Audit-Risk Committee, reported that the committee received an RWA infrastructure and resilience report from Homeland Security and the committee reviewed its FY 2020 work plan.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the RWA Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that the meeting earlier in the day the committee recommended the FY 2020 cash contributions and actuarial assumptions for its Pension and VEBA Plans, additions to the FY 2019 Pension contribution, and a Fourth Amendment to RWA’s Voluntary Investment Plan.

Mr. Cermola, Chair of the RWA Compensation Committee, reported that at the Compensation Committee meeting earlier in the day the committee received an update from management on the RWA’s FY 2020 Goals and Global Metrics and reviewed the committee’s FY 2020 work plan.

Ms. Nesteriak, RWA’s Senior Vice President of Operations and Business Strategy, provided an AMI update, which included:

- Installation progress and number of installations completed to date
- Upcoming town schedule: Woodbridge, Derby, Seymour and Ansonia
- General updates

Mr. Bingaman noted that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, management provided the Authority with the RWA’s 2025 Strategic Plan which will be presented to the full RPB in the near future.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month of April 2019 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2019 is 116% with no projected draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

He reported that the Leadership Team met last week with S&P and Moody’s rating agencies to present a review of the RWA. Both agencies gave positive reviews and were complimentary.

Mr. Bingaman highlighted that the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers has chosen the RWA’s Engineers department to receive an Achievement in Civil Engineering award for their work on the Great Hill Tunnel in North Branford.

He also provided an update of RWA’s union negotiation progress.

He noted that three of RWA's reservoirs at 100% capacity with North Branford at 99%.

Mr. Clifford acknowledged Mr. Bingaman's Honors for Leadership that he received earlier in the month.

Mr. Bingaman stated that the RWA will be holding an employee event at New England Brewing Company in June and all RPB members are invited to attend; information to follow.

Mr. Clifford thanked our Veteran's and wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

He also reported that the Killingworth Town Council is scheduled to meet next week to appoint the RPB's Killingworth Representative, who is in attendance as a guest at this evening's RPB meeting. He introduced Jamie Mowat-Young to the board.

At 7:12 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Mongillo, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, unanimously carried, with 89 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary