

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

**Minutes of June 20, 2019 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 20, 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
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen A. Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
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

**Absent**

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
North Branford	Jack Krasko
Seymour	Vacant
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep.	Vincent M. Marino

**Regional Water Authority**

Anthony DiSalvo  
David Borowy  
Joseph A. Cermola  
Kevin Curseaden  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Linda Discepolo  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Beth Nesteriak  
Edward O. Norris III  
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. Malloy, seconded by Ms. Campbell, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 16, 2019 meeting, as distributed, with 80 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)	Abstain	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)	Absent

East Haven (6) Absent                      No. Branford (8) Absent                      Gov. Rep. (1) Absent

**Communications**

Chair Clifford:

- reported that the FY 2020 RPB Weighted Vote Computation reflected no changes from FY 2019.
- stated that members should respond promptly to statutory committee assignment preferences for 2019-2020.
- noted that a tour of Lake Gaillard is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.
- highlighted the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Watershed Fund Golf Tournament, which is scheduled on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Chair Clifford announced the appointment of Jamie Mowat Young, Killingworth’s Representative on the RPB, officially appointed and present at the meeting.

**Items for Consideration and Action**

Chair Clifford recognized Mr. Mongillo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for RPB officers. Mr. Mongillo reported that the Committee met twice. The Committee interviewed current officers for interest in serving another year and solicited other interested candidates. After discussion, the Committee finalized a slate of officers for recommendation to the RPB. He stated that Mr. Clifford’s term as Chairman will reach its term limit on June 30th. He moved for adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

Chairperson:	Mario Ricoszi
Vice Chairperson:	Charles Havrda
Secretary:	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Treasurer:	T. Gregory Malloy

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 82 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)	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)	Absent
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Chair Clifford congratulated Mr. Ricoszi on his appointment, as Chairman of the RPB, and thanked Mr. Mongillo and the Nominating Committee for its service.

Chair Clifford reported that the Executive Committee met at the end of May to discuss changes to the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice. Mr. Ricoszi motioned for adoption of the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, that the Representative Policy Board hereby adopts the proposed changes to its Bylaws, as presented to the meeting, and set forth on the pages attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Representative Policy Board hereby adopts the proposed changes to its Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints, as presented to the meeting, and set forth on the pages attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mr. Pepe seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 82 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)	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)	Absent
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Mr. Ricozzi discussed the changes to the RPB Bylaws, which provide guidance to the Chair regarding public hearing locations for capital projects. He also discussed minor changes to the RPB Rules of Practice, which clarifies the language regarding the intent and purpose of the RPB's appointment of the Authority's New Haven Representative.

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Ricozzi reported that the Committee met earlier in the week and received an update from management on the RWA's 34<sup>th</sup> Series Financing and a quarterly update on RPB approved projects.

**Land Use Committee** – In Mr. Levine's absence, Mr. Harvey reported that the Committee met last week at Hamden Middle School and received a progress update from management and a tour. The next meeting will take place on July 10, 2019.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Gettinger reported that the Committee met at the end of May and received an update from management on RWA's Residential Water Assistance Program. The Committee also met earlier in the week to receive an update from management on RWA's 34<sup>th</sup> Series Financing. The Committee also received a report from the OCA.

Chair Clifford reported that Mr. Gettinger's term is up on June 30<sup>th</sup> and he will not be seeking reappointment due to relocation. He thanked Mr. Gettinger for his contribution to the board. Mr. Gettinger stated that a replacement has been appointed and will attend the July meeting.

**Nominating Committee** – Mr. Mongillo had nothing further to report.

**Executive Committee** – Chair Clifford reported that the Committee met at the end of last month and had a robust discussion on general items. He acknowledged Mr. Slocum, who was also present at the meeting, and thanked him for his input and assistance with the RPB member orientation program.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority voted to renew Mr. Bingaman's existing contract for another five years beginning January 1, 2020 and acknowledged his service to the Authority over the past ten years. He commented on the improved financial performance of the Authority since Mr. Bingaman's hire in 2009.

Mr. Bingaman thanked the Authority for the renewal of his contract and acknowledged Ms. Discepolo and the Leadership Team for their assistance.

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, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues and operating and maintenance expenses through May 31, 2019. He reported that the projected maintenance test for FY 2020 is 122%, with no projected draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

Mr. Bingaman reported on reservoir levels, which are at 98% of full storage, compared to the long-term average of 88% at the end of June.

He also provided an update on the Derby Storage Tank Project. He reported that Planning and Zoning met on June 18th and voted unanimously to approve the project. It is anticipated that opposition will file an appeal.

Ms. Kowalski, RWA's Vice President of Finance and Controller, provided an update on the RWA's 34<sup>th</sup> Series Financing which was priced earlier in the week. Ms. Kowalski highlighted the favorable interest rate environment resulting in lower than expected interest rates and she provided an update on the savings associated with RWA's refinancing. She also reported on Green Bonds for the Great Hill Tunnel Project, for sustainable infrastructure.

She also reported on the RWA's FY 2019 year-end disposition and financial update for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019. She highlighted that the year-end disposition was strong due to a combination of factors which allowed for transfers to the Growth Fund, General Fund, and the Construction Fund.

Mr. Bingaman stated that the RWA is celebrating its 170th Anniversary for employees, next week, at East Rock Brewing Company in New Haven, featuring Modern Pizza. RPB members are invited.

Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chairman of RWA's Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported that earlier in the day, the Committee met and received an update from management on Per- and polyflouroalkyl substances, a Legislative Update, an update of the Lake Whitney Dam Breach table top exercise. The committee also reviewed its FY 2020 work plan.

Mr. DiSalvo and Mr. Curseaden offered their appreciation to Mr. Clifford for his service to the RPB.

Chair Clifford acknowledged the OCA who thanked Mr. Clifford for his dedication to the RPB.

Chair Clifford gratefully acknowledged the members of the RPB, Authority, Mr. Bingaman and the Leadership Team and recognized their importance to the mission of the RWA. He commended all and thanked the OCA for his support and direction. In the end, he stated that members of the RPB are leaders in their community who act as an extension of RWA's service area for its 430,000 customers.

At 7:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary