

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

Minutes of January 16, 2020 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. Chair Ricozzi 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 Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
North Branford	Vacant
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno

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.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Slocum, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its December 19, 2019 meeting minutes, as distributed, with 83 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye

Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
David Borowy
Joseph Cermola
Kevin Curseaden
Suzanne Sack

Management

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

Counsel

Sam Volet

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Bethany (5)	Abstain	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
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)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on the IRS standard mileage rate for the calendar year 2020; effective January 1, 2020, the new mileage rate is 57.5 cents per mile.

He also stated that RPB members should have received the RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Chair Ricozzi communicated that a special meeting of the RPB is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to receive a presentation and discussion on rate making trends. Members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be served.

Items for Consideration and Action

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Mongillo, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the fourth quarter 2019 member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
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)	Aye
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)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the week to review the FY 2020 2nd Quarter Financial Report and the FY 2020 Quarterly Dashboard Report.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met last week and received an update from management of RWA’s Deer Hunt Program and an invasive species update.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet next week on January 27th.

Authority/Management – Mr. DiSalvo, Authority Chair, reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority also met as the Compensation Committee, Pension & Benefit Committee, and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the RWA’s Pension & Benefit Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with Morgan Stanley to receive a quarterly performance update of RWA’s Pension and Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association plans and reviewed RWA’s Liability Cash Flow Analysis.

Mr. Cermola, Chair of the RWA’s Compensation Committee reported that at the meeting earlier in the day, the Committee met with management to receive an Employee Engagement Update, Succession Planning Update, and the Chief Executive Officer’s (CEO) FY 2020 mid-year goals update. The Committee also met in executive session and afterwards recommended to the Authority a compensation increase for RWA’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Senior Executive Team.

Mr. DiSalvo, Chair of the RWA Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day, The Committee discussed performance measures and received an Employees Learning Initiative Program update from management. He also stated that the Authority restructured its committees to include a Non-Core Business Committee. Mr. Borowy will chair the committee and it will meet every quarter beginning in March 2020.

Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority met with Mr. Fox, Manager at Raftelis, to receive a presentation and discussion on rate structure.

Mr. Bingaman reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, Authority members acted on a resolution to revise the General Bond Resolution.

Ms. Nesteriak, the RWA's Senior Vice President of Operations & Business Strategy reported that the RWA is currently undergoing an operational readiness in an effort to prepare for summer flows. A cross functional team will review system status and ensure all maintenance and repair is done prior to the start of summer.

Mr. Bingaman reported that Tighe and Bond, in collaboration with RWA, were the recipients of the Grand Award of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut during the 2020 Engineering Excellence awards ceremony for their response to the Great Hill Tunnel Pipeline Restoration Project. RWA engineers were also present at the ceremony to receive the award.

He also highlighted that Mr. Doyle, RWA's Public Affairs & Communications Manager, and Ms. Vitagliano, RWA's Government and Public Relations Specialist, attended the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce's Regional Legislative Breakfast earlier in the month at Southern Connecticut State University. He stated that the Public Utilities Management Program was featured and Senator James Maroney spoke about the program and the role of education in economic development.

Mr. Bingaman stated that the RWA, as a result of the effort of Mr. Triana the RWA's Real Estate Manager, received two open space grants from the State of Connecticut for properties located in Bethany and Hamden.

He reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the period ended December 31, 2018, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2020 is 114%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

Mr. Bingaman reported that water storage levels are at 87% at January 13, 2020, compared to the long-term average of 75%.

At 6:57 p.m., Mr. Oslander withdrew from the meeting.

Chair Ricoszi reminded members about the RPB special meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 5:30 to receive a presentation and to discuss rate making trends.

He acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who had nothing to report.

At 6:59 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary