

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
April 16, 2020 Meeting Transcription

A regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the office of the Authority, via remote access. Chairman DiSalvo presided:

Present: Authority– Ms. Sack and Messrs. Borowy, Cermola, Curseaden and DiSalvo
Management – Mss. Discepolo, Kowalski, Nesteriak, Reckdenwald and Messrs. Bingaman, Norris and Singh
RPB – Messrs. Ricoszi and Slocum
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Tony:

And I'll do that right now. How's that? I'm going to call the meeting to order at 12:30. Present are all the board members and a number of guests. I want to indicate that for security reasons, public members will not have an opportunity to speak in this meeting. We are going to be recording it, so please mention your name when you start to speak so we'll get an opportunity to get everyone together. Who's the 401 number?

Rochelle:

That's Angell.

Jeff Bauer:

Hello, yes, this is Jeff Bauer from Angell Pension. Good afternoon, everybody.

Tony:

Thank you. And Albert is also from Angell?

Albert:

That is correct, yes. Good afternoon, everyone.

Tony:

David Borowy, we lost him visually, but otherwise, we're ready to go.

David Borowy:

I'm here.

Tony:

There he is. He was just fooling around. The meeting's now called to order. I reminded everyone that they're being recorded and that they should mention their names before they speak. Let's do the safety moment. Larry, you want to do safety moment?

Larry:

Yes. This is Larry [Bingaman 00:00:01:25], and the safety moment are safe practices for the prevention of COVID-19 and it gives a number of tips, which is washing your hands; avoid touching your face; practicing good respiratory etiquette; and avoid close contact with people who are sick, among a number of other ones, so that's for your edification today.

Tony:

Thank you, sir. I'll entertain a motion to move into the pension and benefit committee.

Suzanne:

So moved.

David Borowy:

Seconded, David Borowy.

Tony:

All in favor, aye?

Group:

Aye.

[AT 12:32 P.M. TO 1:51 P.M., PENSION & BENEFIT COMMITTEE MEETS – SEE PENSION & BENEFIT COMMITTEE TAB FOR TRANSCRIPTION OF MEETING]

Tony:

Thank you. Suzanne, do you have an action to be taken up at the end of the meeting?

Suzanne:

I think I saw it in the agenda later. Is that right?

Tony:

But you do have something coming?

Suzanne:

Okay.

Tony:

Okay, just checking. Coming back to the consent agenda, I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda as written.

Joe:

Joe Cermola so moves.

Suzanne:

Suzanne [inaudible 01:22:08] second.

Tony:

Any items to be taken off the consent agenda? Hearing none. All in favor? Aye.

Suzanne:

Aye.

Joe:

Aye.

David:

Aye.

Tony:

Opposed?

Tony:

Motion carries. Rochelle, what's this executive order 7W that you want to talk to us about?

Rochelle:

I think this is something that Linda and I want to talk to you about, so this executive order came out. It basically is extending what was executive order 7S to entities like ourselves. Political subdivisions are included, and we have to make a determination as to what option we pick under the executive order. One is a deferment program. That's basically, not charging interest at least through the July timeframe. The other is a lower interest rate.

Rochelle:

We are recommending that we select the deferment program and we want to talk to you about, and Linda and Larry may have comments as well, about potentially getting approval to extend the deferment program through the end of the calendar year.

Tony:

Tell me again, [crosstalk 01:23:48] what Rochelle?

Rochelle:

Right now the executive order is through July 1st because this will benefit our customers by not charging them interest, is to extend that even if the executive order is not extending it through the end of the calendar year.

Tony:

Got it.

Rochelle:

So we have to make an election by April 25th and therefore that's why we're before you. Our recommendation is to pick the deferral plan so that there's zero interest through July One, but there is some thought that maybe we would want to extend it past July One given that the economy probably will be pretty challenging for some of our customer base.

Rochelle:

We leave that up to you to...what we would have to do if we wanted to extend this through July 1st, this resolution is because we have to elect something. So we're electing, we're recommending the deferral. But if we wanted to extend it, we then would have to go to the RPB to get approval for the interest rate to go from the existing 18% down to zero for whatever time frame.

Tony:

Okay.

Suzanne:

Tony, this is Suzanne. I just have a quick question. Do we have any early information about payments at this point? Are you seeing any trends?

Tony:

You're talking about revenues coming into the company?

Suzanne:

Right, because what we're talking about is giving them a break on the interest of their unpaid bills, correct?

Rochelle:

Correct.

Suzanne:

Right.

Speaker 11:

So I will mention, so in our scenario and in our revised budget projection, we did assume that we wouldn't bill interest through the calendar year. So that was reflected. We are seeing reduction in our production for March. Our cash was not significantly impacted and we're trying to be watching cash basically on a weekly basis. But for the year end, we are anticipating that there will be a drop off.

Speaker 12:

The challenges is, we bill quarterly. So it's going to take us a little longer to see how the cash comes in since this really began mid-March.

Suzanne:

I forgot about that.

Speaker 12:

It's yet to come.

Suzanne:

Okay, thank you.

Tony:

So we're expecting to see something May, June, right?

Speaker 11:

Yes, we built into the yearend projection, a pretty significant reduction in cash collections [inaudible 01:26:26] that pronounced, but it could be.

Tony:

Your suggestion is that we offer the deferral plan, with the idea that if we want to extend it beyond that, we'd have to go to the RPB in July to forgive or to extend the interest rates?

Rochelle:

Well, you'd have to start that process way before July because typically we go to the RPB finance committee and then we go to the RPB. So it'd probably take a couple of months to get that approval. We don't know if the executive order will be extended in any event, but if not, we wanted that process. And I think we have to go to the RPB and it's a couple of steps. So you'd have to start a couple of months before July One.

Tony:

Okay. But we don't know whether we're going to need that yet. Right?

Rochelle:

Well, I think the thought was, since we put it in our budget, we were thinking we would do that for our customer base in any event, if it was agreeable to the boards.

Tony:

I'm getting confused. I thought I was hearing that by taking the deferral, we would have to act on wanting to lower the interest rate after July One, do I not understand that?

Rochelle:

The deferral, right now we have to elect which avenue we're taking. So we are recommending the deferral. If we just go through the period that's in the executive order, there's no RPB approval. But if you're in agreement that we go beyond what's in the executive order, let's say go to the end of the calendar year, that would require RPB approval.

Tony:

That's because the [crosstalk 01:28:14].

Linda:

From March to July 31st.

Tony:

Say what Larry?

Larry:

I was going to say the reason that the RPB has to approve any extension beyond July is because the interest rate is set in our enabling legislation and they're the ones that control that. So we're suggesting that we not charge interest. Well we'll have to not charge interest between now and July, because that's in the executive order. We want to continue the program of not charging interest following July. That will require RPB approval as part of, since that is in the enabling legislation that they have to approve the interest rate we charge customers.

Tony:

Okay, I understand that. And that's the deferred plan, right?

Larry:

Yes, because we are differ interest, that's correct.

Tony:

The other option that we would have would be to follow the executive order in its entirety forever, as long as the executive order is in place?

Larry:

Well and that's true. We could follow the executive order until it's in place and then what we're suggesting is, is that the executive order is in place through the end of July and that since it will take a couple of months in order to get the RPB to approve any change in interest rate beyond that July date, unless the governor extends it, we would begin the process of briefing the RPB now so that when we tried to extend the interest rate deferral past July, we would be in a position to seek their approval.

Tony:

Okay. I understand that part. Is our intention to try to give reduction in interest for as long as possible?

Larry:

Through the end of this year, through the end of 2020 calendar year.

Tony:

That's our aim.

Larry:

That's our aim at this point. Yes.

Tony:

So if we decided to stay with the executive order and he doesn't extend it past the July date, would we know with enough time to act on it?

Larry:

That's hard to say whether or not the governor would give enough indication ahead of time that that was going to be extended.

Tony:

Got it. Okay. What's your thoughts folks?

Suzanne:

And I just have one question, is it deferred interest, meaning it piles up to later or it's chopped off the bill?

Tony:

Zero.

Linda:

Zero. They just called it that, that's the name of their plan.

Suzanne:

Yeah. We'll have to give them the definition of deference.

Tony:

Right. Right. If you defer it, you still owe it.

Rochelle:

Right.

Kevin:

This is Kevin. I think that obviously we select the deferment through July 1st, that's my opinion anyway. I don't personally like the idea of automatically now just deciding that we go ahead and waive all interest payments for another six months after July, but I would defer to the RPB to make that decision. So whatever, I guess steps would be necessary to move that forward starting in May or something it sounds like, I wouldn't have any issue with that. That's my thoughts.

Tony:

So my understanding of that, Kevin, is that if we chose the deferral, we would move it to RPB no matter what happens with the governor.

Kevin:

No, I don't think so.

Larry:

No, no, no. The governor's executive order overrides the enabling legislation. So during the period of time that he asked that water utilities, for instance, not charge interest on past due accounts, that would be in effect for the duration of the executive order. So we don't have to do anything during that period of time.

Kevin:

No, we just have to select the deferment option.

Rochelle:

Correct, we have to select and file with OPM.

Tony:

Right. But I mean, we don't... correct. So it's just that if the deferment program ends after the end of July, then given our thinking is that the economy in Connecticut will probably still be in a pretty steep recovery mode, that we extend the no interest on the-

Larry:

That we extend the no interest on the credit card, our customer bills through the end of this year. And the RPB would have to approve that.

Tony:

Yes. Okay. If I wanted to do that, the way Kevin does, which is the right option to start?

Rochelle:

The deferment option is still the right option to select.

Tony:

Okay. That means that we will bring it before the RPB in July or so and then I'll get additional approval of extension, or we wait until it actually happens?

Kevin:

Tony, the way I understand it is they have to start the process to bring it to the RPB for when it expires in July so that if the RPB chooses to continue the interest rate waiver for it from July through the end of the calendar year, then they've done, they are already set up and in place to do that when the 90 day order expires.

Rochelle:

Correct.

Dana:

Right.

Tony:

Is that the way it is, guys?

Rochelle:

Yes.

Tony:

Okay.

Tony:

That's what I like, too.

Joe:

Yeah. The question is do we want to extend it? That's the whole point. Do we want to extend this as a board? Do we want to extend that period? Do we want to have incentive enough to pay bills to continue beyond July 31st? That's kind of a decision.

Tony:

Yeah.

Joe:

Not whether we go to RPB or not. Do we, as a board, want to go beyond the Executive Order?

Tony:

Well, we could start the process by taking the deferral. We could start the process, Joe, and then based on the way we may decide, we can either choose to recommend it to the RPB or not recommend it to the RPB.

Joe:

Well, we'll talk about now recommending it. This resolution is to recommended it to the RPB now so that when the Executive Order expires, we'll be ready to extend it. We don't need any more approval from the RPB, so we're kind of deciding now, do we want to extend the referendum for the interest rate beyond July 31st? We ought to decide that before we think about resolutions. If we don't want to do that, then there's no point in any resolution.

Rochelle:

Right. I do want to just clarify. If you don't extend it, we will need the resolution of the selection of the deferment.

Joe:

Just the, yeah. Yeah. But we're still bound by the Executive Order.

Rochelle:

Yes.

Joe:

It's just how, what, what we're deferring.

Rochelle:

What option we're picking under the Executive Order.

Joe:

Right.

Kevin:

Joe, I agree with you about what we're doing today. My comments at the end of when I first started talking about this are that I would defer to the RPB to decide whether they want to extend it or not. So, I mean by forwarding it to the RPB to start their process of whether they're going to extend it or not, I don't look at that as a... that's why I put my comments on the record. That's not my personal recommendation or approval, but I completely leave it to the RPB. I think that's an RPB decision based on their experience with their various communities and towns and what's going on, you know, across the district. I don't look at that as, I know it might be our decision ultimately, but I'm not, I would prefer that the RPB just make that decision.

Joe:

Well they're the only ones that can, that's approving a rate so...

Kevin:

Right, right.

Joe:

But we've always had a recommendation so that's what the role is. You know, usually it starts with our board, goes to the RPB, and they approve or disapprove, but whatever.

Kevin:

Right.

Tony:

Well it sounds like we're all speaking, or at least the three of us are speaking about being in favor of the deferral plan. Is that correct, Rochelle?

Rochelle:

Yeah. We're recommending the deferral plan, not the lower interest plan. There's an option to select the deferment or to select a 3% interest rate. So we are proposing that we select the deferment, which is basically zero interest for the period. And then it was mentioned there is an additional decision as to the extension beyond the Executive Order.

Tony:

So, we're doing referral now with the idea that if and when the Executive Order ends, we will have the option of bringing it before the RPB for them to choose continuation or not.

Suzanne:

Right.

Tony:

Okay. I think I understand now.

Linda:

I think that the process might have to begin a little before the expiration date of July 1, given the programming that one would have to do on the back end for the billings. So I think that's why we were saying [crosstalk 00:01:38:15]

Tony:

We should decide. However, I'm just trying to get the functions correct.

Kevin:

Tony, I have a quick question for Rochelle. As part of this, the RPB could decide in July to not have zero interest for the next six months, but the RPB could decide that they want 3% interest in the next six months. Is that correct?

Rochelle:

I suppose they technically could. I think there could be a implementation problem with that in our billing systems.

Suzanne:

Can I ask a question? Is this something that Tony, you could discuss with the chair of the RPB and find out what the sentiment is and so we could take action and they can take action in May, or we can take action in May and just decide?

Tony:

Well, we're under the Executive Order now.

Suzanne:

Right.

Tony:

The question really is sort of, what I'm hearing is really a permission to begin the process when it's appropriate.

Rochelle:

As well as supporting the deferment option within the Executive Order.

Suzanne:

Through the end of the year.

Rochelle:

Through, well, so the Executive Order, you have to select between the 3% interest or the deferment. We're recommending the deferment. So that's what the resolution is. That is a decision that the Authority needs to make. So we can file what our selection is under the Executive Order. And then there's a second option regarding, not in the Executive Order, but for the Authority in the RPB about extending it beyond July.

Suzanne:

So then I'd like to suggest that we select the deferment and not make the decision to go beyond July, but allow the RPB to do that.

Tony:

Yep.

Tony:

That's what I think we were all talking about so far.

Tony:

Yeah.

Joe:

Where's David? Have you been through this, David?. David?

David:

Yes, I'm here. [inaudible 01:40:27] with another board that I'm on with the town of Cheshire actually agreed to do both, but we don't have the delinquencies and the rates.

Linda:

Oh, we lost him.

Tony:

Yeah, he was being flaky.

Linda:

Yeah. (chuckles).

Linda:

Here he comes.

Suzanne:

Rochelle, can you pull your camera down? We can see your nose and your eyes. [crosstalk 01:40:54]

Tony:

So David, I'm sorry I didn't get your position. David?

Joe:

Still frozen. [crosstalk 00:08:14].

Linda:

Technical challenges.

Tony:

I'll entertain a motion to approve the deferral plan.

Suzanne:

Yes. I'll make a motion to approve the deferral selection.

Tony:

Okay. [crosstalk 01:41:30] Let's check in with Joe for a moment. Joe? Kevin thought that was a good idea. David, are you back with us?

David:

Can you hear me?

Suzanne:

Yeah.

Tony:

Your mouth's not moving when you talk.

David:

Oh, all right. Yeah. I don't know what happened. I'm sorry, but, well, if you can hear me, that's the important thing. I do agree. Yes.

Tony:

Okay. Good. All right, great. All in favor? Aye. (choral agreement) That was difficult, Rochelle. You need to clear him.

Rochelle:

Sorry.

Tony:

All right. Okay, let's move to updates. Larry and Beth?

Larry:

Yes. Got a couple of things that we wanted to bring you up to speed, and this is all around the COVID 19. As of April the 15th we have, you'll recall we only had one employee that was actually out with the COVID 19 illness. He had come into contact with close to 20, with about 20 employees, so all together

we've had about 30 employees all together that have had to self-isolate, but nobody else has come down with the coronavirus as far as we know. And currently we only have one employee that remains in isolation. So that's the good news and the good news that we've only had just one case of coronavirus.

Larry:

At 60 Sergeant Drive, which is the Gateway community property next to us, they have set up a drive through test site that, it's a CVS sponsored site so on April the 15th our Cross Connections department conducted an inspection there and on that same day we think that probably that inspection might've caused a leak on a fire service line and our construction department repaired a leak on that fire service line.

Larry:

90 Sergeant still remains closed to the public and customers by appointment only. The RPB Police Department, or the RWA Police Department has, they're parked in front of the parking lot. They've got a sign up advertising that the lobby is closed. Cleaning at 90 Sergeant Drive has increased. It not only includes our cleaning crew at the end of the day but a mid day wipe down of the high touch areas and we did a Clorox treatment a couple of weeks ago in the entire building and we'll do that before staff returns to work. The call center, we have our customer service reps, they're doing back-office work remotely, which is good. Prem and Linda worked real hard to get that done quickly.

Larry:

Field service has returned to work doing old work orders and flex nets. Treatment is normal. We're doing a split shift there. The control room, we have spare operators at three remote sites, construction and distribution are doing work in the field to the extent they can be socially, have social distancing. And our lab is still operating with split shifts. Capital projects have been suspended at our treatment plant, so we are dealing with the coronavirus I think well. We've got employees that are in the building periodically. Most employees that can are working at home. I'll ask Beth if she wants to add anything to that.

Beth:

Sure. The one thing I would like to add is that Tom Berger, our manager of water quality did reach out to our local health directors. As I'm sure you're noticing, there's an effort to stand up these mobile test sites. One of our concerns is that they're going to repurpose buildings that might have been vacant for quite some time. So we're offering our services in terms of making sure that they flush lines properly, that there's no cross infection potential. So we have reached out to our health directors and done that, which I think was a great step in kind of continuing to build and forge relationships with that, those stakeholders.

Larry:

Any questions on that? Because I'll have Ted chime in and he participated in a webinar with the Governor's Chief Operating Officer. We've talked a little bit about their view on when Connecticut's going to return to normal. So any questions on Beth or my comments?

Tony:

Just a quick question about whether or not, I'm assuming that our lab does not have the capability of thinking about getting into the testing business related to COVID. Reassure me.

Larry:

No, that's correct. You do not had those capabilities. We can't do that, blood tests, or anything like that. So we're staying out of that business. That's not our core competency.

Beth:

Right. The one new capability we are trying to prep for is Legionellae. That's often a common bacteria that can be a concern in kind of stagnant water and large facilities. So the state has expressed interest in making sure that people test for that where there are possibilities. So that's the only thing that we are looking into, whether we can man up to help add that capability within the state.

Tony:

Okay. Where's Ted? Ted, still here?

Ted:

Yes, I am. So yesterday the Chamber had hosted Josh Duvall, the Chief Operating Officer of the state for the Governor, and he, Josh is responsible for the state's COVID response. He talked about a few different topics. One was virus spread. They had modeled, done some modeling with infectious disease personnel a couple of weeks ago. Their models are proven to be fairly accurate, and what they are expecting is that we see a rolling set of peaks starting in Fairfield County next week. A New Haven County peak would be to three weeks out and Hartford county's peak is a week or two after New Haven's. That's what they're expecting to see based on their modeling, which has been good so far. You notice social distancing is working and there's no leveling off yet in spite of it.

Ted:

There was a question about what are some of the businesses doing, like requiring masks, doing any good. The Governor came out and talked about that yesterday after the webcast, but what Josh said was everybody should be wearing masks. No matter where you go, you should be wearing masks. Even if they're not the best mask. It's going to help to some extent if we all have them on, but obviously I think the Governor is going to be making that a mandate in the next day or so as Governor Cuomo did in New York.

Ted:

A question about reopening the state and what Josh said is the Governor has created an advisory group to look at this in depth and develop a strategy looking to answer what are the conditions that needed to be in place to consider reopening and what dials will be turned on first. So they're looking at that now. It's still too early to say exactly when we're going to be looking at reopening. The Governor has discussed May 20th as a possibility. Josh said maybe, maybe where the risk is lowest, but this all remains to be seen.

Ted:

There's a political movement going on from Washington between them and the Governors as well. The Department of Labor, just real quick. They have had 360,000 unemployment applications, which overwhelmed the archaic system. You may have seen on the news today that their new system is now up and running and so they're almost caught up with normal benefits with the 600, the additional 600 federal COVID benefit. They're working on that. And for entrepreneurial business funds that requires a

complete new e-system to be stood up, and that's true all the states so that system, that money's going to be months out or weeks out.

Ted:

And testing is ramping up, but it needs to happen a lot faster than it's happening and we can, obviously from what Larry said, we see some of it happening even in our own neighborhood. But they did say, he stopped with this, and he said our top priority is to save lives. That's what the state is trying to do. Their top priority in all of this is to save lives. That's what Josh talked about.

Tony:

Talk to me about the testing we have. Have we started to explore what role testing will play in our return to business? Will we be testing our employees either on entry or periodically? Will that facility be available in the state to have it done? Does anybody know anything?

Larry:

Well we haven't talked about testing our employees before they come back to work. We certainly have suggested that if they had any symptoms whatsoever that they self-isolate and we'll continue to, I think, to stress that. And this facility next door, who knows how long it's going to be open. They just set up, literally just set up today, I think it is. So we don't know yet on how long they'll be open and whether they would be available for self-testing. That's something we'll have to give some thought to. Jeanine, have you got any reaction to that point?

Jeanine:

Yeah. Right now almost any test that you get requires a doctor's note. So it's not like you can just drive through the drive through and get a test. So number one is it requires a doctor's note. The second thing is one of the things we may look at, which makes sense, and again this will involve a lot broader conversation, is doing things like mandatory temperature checking and making sure people have face masks and all that as a precursor to anything when we start to move people back into this office. But I think we're, I don't think, I don't know of any company right now that is mandating you have to have a test taken. I think that's going to be virtually impossible to do based on how it's set up right now.

Tony:

I'm hopeful that the Governor will come up with some guidelines for reentry into business and if he doesn't, the Chamber ought to sort of think about having another symposium on that.

Jeanine:

So Tony, he has a work group that he put together so he's working on it and I know they are working in collaboration with other Governors, so it's not just the tristate area. It's odd that the work group he put together, it goes as far reaching, they included Pennsylvania and Maryland and a few other states, but there is a group that has been put together to kind of look at under what conditions could we allow people to...

Tony:

I was listening to Cuomo today on TV and he has a real plan. My assumption is that we will adopt his plan. It's a very elaborate sort of here's how we think about getting back into the world, but they

haven't yet gotten to the point of what concerns and reservations each employer should have about their workforce. We need to make sure that whatever we do is going to promote the most safety.

Jeanine:

Agreed.

Suzanne:

Can I ask a quick question? Did we, do we provide water testing or any water service to schools?

Larry:

We will go in and test on a request basis and, for instance, I had a couple of years ago when lead was a real issue, we went in and tested a few schools without charging them to determine whether or not they had lead issue in their drinking water. So we'll do that, but we haven't wholesale gone out and said we'll test anybody, any school in our district.

Tony:

Most of the schools that are on our waterlines, though. Right?

Larry:

Yeah, correct.

Tony:

If they have their own wells aren't going to go in and test their water for them.

Larry:

No. Unless they pay us.

Suzanne:

Well that's what I mean. Do we service or do we have commercial accounts that are schools?

Beth:

If we do, it's only a handful from, I don't know, probably not a large portfolio, Suzanne, it's mostly, you know, some of the, obviously our larger sister utilities, but when I've gone through our customer list schools have not popped out at me.

Tony:

But we could do it if we wanted to.

Suzanne:

Right. Right. No, I was looking at our budget and we paid \$55,000 to someone for one of our schools to do the water process. And I thought to myself, that seems like an awful lot of money, but it also occurred to me when you were talking that these schools are sitting idle at this point and they have such old buildings. And I'm sure old pipes that some advisory about flushing their systems, you know, maybe

they do that as a normal part of their business when they're closed in the summer and they know that whole routine already. But...

Beth:

Yeah, so there has been guidance on flushing idle buildings, just to that point. And we're going to work with Phil and see if we, if our communications person and see if we can't kind of either put that on our website or advertise that a little bit more when we start to see people coming back. But there are some protocols that I believe AWWA, American Water Works Association, has published. And I think Tom also shared those with the health directors as an FYI. But that is a concern and that's really why the state has also brought up the concern about Legionellae because that can also have a presence when buildings sit idle. But that is definitely a concern.

Suzanne:

Thank you.

Tony:

Anything else, Larry? Beth?.

Larry:

Nope, that's it from our end.

Tony:

Okay. Let's just, a quick check on committee meetings. Suzanne, did you get to go to a finance committee meeting this month?

Suzanne:

I did go to a finance committee meeting and Rochelle went through the quarterly financial statements. Linda went through the quarterly dashboard, the RPB dashboard report. They talked a little bit about the upcoming meetings to learn about the budget and Mr. Slocum and Mr. Jaser were going to be our next two RPB folks at the FM meetings.

Tony:

Thanks. David, did you do land use?

David:

I did last Wednesday, the eighth, and we had the report from Amy Velasquez regarding environmental compliance.

Tony:

Thank you. Kevin and I will be covering the up and coming budgetary meeting either singularly or together. Let's see.

Tony:

I entertain a motion to pause as the Authority and to convene as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Suzanne:

Oh, can we take a small break?

David:

Yeah. Cool. Yeah. Thank you. [crosstalk 01:57:12].

Tony:

I think we did. Most of you guys just turn off your camera and disappear. January 16th.

Suzanne:

This is the Suzanne Sack. I make that motion.

Tony:

Second?

David:

Second.

Tony:

All in favor? (choral agreement) Aye.

[AT 2:35 TO 3:30 P.M., STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS – SEE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE TAB FOR TRANSCRIPTION OF MEETING]

Tony:

Should we adjourn and resume as the Authority?

Joe:

So move. Joe Cermola.

David:

Second. David Borowy.

Tony:

All in favor? Aye. (group agreement) Motion carries. Thank you very much.

Tony:

We're now in a point where there are any matters to act on from committee meetings. Was there something, Suzanne, that you had?

Suzanne:

Yeah, I think, Rochelle, aren't we looking to do the contribution, or you're not ready to make that commitment yet? Rochelle, you're on mute.

Rochelle:

We can do the contribution or we could wait until May. There is an executive session item that you may want to hear prior to making a decision.

Tony:

Okay.

Suzanne:

Sounds good to me.

Tony:

So hearing that there are no actions, I'll entertain a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Suzanne:

So moved.

Dana:

I'm going to jump off, have a great day. It was nice to see everyone.

Suzanne:

Take care, Dana.

Dana:

Bye, guys.

Tony:

And for this executive session if I could have just Jeanine and Rochelle stay please.

Larry:

Okay.

Suzanne:

And the Authority, right? Yeah, of course.

Jennifer:

Okay. Jeanine and Rochelle. Jeanine, can I make you a cohost 'cause I don't know if I can get back. That's all right?

Tony:

What?

Jennifer:

I have to make Jeanine a cohost because I have to leave and I won't be able to do anything.

Tony:

Okay, Jennifer.

Jennifer:

That's okay?

Tony:

That's okay. Yeah.

Jeanine:

All right. I'm going to share my screen. That's all I'm going to have to know how to do.

Jennifer:

All right. I'm jumping off.

Jeanine:

Okay. Thank you.

Tony:

I need a second for the executive session, by the way, guys.

Suzanne:

I'll second it.

Tony:

Who was that?

Suzanne:

Suzanne.

Tony:

Okay, thank you.

Rochelle:

You disappeared.

Tony:

We'll review the B rep. Okay?

Suzanne:

Sure.

Tony:

Yeah, so at...

Larry:

Can I just get a vote to move into executive session? I'm sorry.

Tony:

All in favor? Aye. (group agreement).

[AT 4:43 EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS]

[AT 4:45 AUTHORITY MEETING ADJOURNS]