

**Representative Policy Board Consumer Affairs Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of the June 15, 2020 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RPB”) took place on Monday, June 15, 2020 via remote access. Committee members present were: N. Campbell, M. Levine, S. Mongillo and T. Rescigno.

Also present were: M. Ricoszi, Joseph Oslander, and Jay Jaser (RPB), J. Donofrio (Office of Consumer Affairs – “OCA”), L. Discepolo, L. Gonzalez, R. Kowalski and P. Singh (RWA), and J. Slubowski (RPB Staff)

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Mr. Levine, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its May 18, 2020 meeting.

At 5:32 p.m., Mr. Ricoszi entered the meeting.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President of Finance and Controller, discussed Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 7W regarding an interest rate reduction program for the benefit of customers of quasi-municipal organizations. She reported that the RWA has not been charging customers interest since mid-March. Ms. Kowalski stated that the program, as written, would end July 1, 2020 but due to the current economic conditions for residents and commercial accounts the RWA would like to extend its zero interest billing beyond the deadline to December 31, 2020. The extension would require the Consumer Affairs Committee, together with the Finance Committee, to authorize and recommend the extension to the RPB for a vote at its June meeting. Ms. Kowalski reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the month and was supportive of the recommendation.

Discussion took place regarding pandemic impact, interest forgiveness, financial impact, and eligibility. OCA, Jeffrey Donofrio, reported that the interest adjustment is not expected to have a material adverse impact financially on the Authority but would make a difference on customers who may be struggling financially. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to recommend to the RPB the proposed zero interest rate extension beyond the July 1, 2020 deadline to December 31, 2020.

Attorney Donofrio, OCA, reported on two pending consumer complaints. He also reported that as of May 31, 2020, the end of the Authority’s fiscal year, the OCA came in below budget by about 50%.

Chair Mongillo asked Attorney Donofrio about the procedure for approving minutes of final ad hoc committees. Attorney Donofrio stated that as a rule, in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act all minutes should be formally approved.

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Committee voted to approve the OCA’s invoice for May 2020 in the amount of \$1,345.00.

Chair Mongillo stated that next month’s meeting will include the annual election of Committee Chair.

CAC member attendance at July and August Authority meetings was made. Attendance for September will be on the Committee’s July agenda.

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Chair Mongillo reported that the next regular meeting is Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Mongillo
CAC Chairman