

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

Minutes of September 17, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, September 17, 2020, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
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 A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Mike Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
David Borowy
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Edward O. Norris III
Jeanine Reckdenwald
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

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 Ms. Campbell, the RPB approved the minutes of its August 20, 2020 meeting as distributed, with 102 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	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 (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye

Communications

Chair Riconzi acknowledged Mr. Malloy, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member, who reported on the committee meeting last month. The committee met to review the proposed Criteria. The committee also met with Mr. Bingham and Mr. DiSalvo to discuss qualities most needed by the Authority. After discussion, they made one minor change to the Criteria, which was emailed to RPB earlier in the month comments and revisions. The Committee will meet to interview the incumbent Authority member next week. No candidates have been suggested by Mayor Elicker to date.

It was the consensus of the board to accept the proposed changes to the Nominating Committee's proposed Criteria as presented.

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee reported that the committee met earlier in the week to discuss a proposed resolution for the interim financing of a draw down note. Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President of Financial Services, discussed the need, as a contingency, for the financing for unanticipated capital costs through December 31, 2020.

At 6:46 p.m., Mr. Marino entered the meeting.

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the "Bonds") in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the "Act") and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the "RPB") on July 31, 1980, as amended and supplemented (the "General Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority's Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority from approximately September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in accordance with a certain capital improvement plan adopted by the Authority on June 18, 2020, as may be amended from time to time, to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund, Debt Reserve Fund, and Operating Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance.

4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	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 (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the week to review the interim financing resolution, as discussed above. The committee also received a presentation from management on the AMI monthly billing project.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month at Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant and received a discussion from the resident bee keeper. The committee also discussed a Land Use Plan Modification for Renewable Energy Resource Projects with management.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the next meeting of the committee will take place on September 21, 2020.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Malloy, Chair of the Nominating Committee had nothing further to report.

Authority/Management – Mr. DiSalvo reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Audit-Risk Committee, Environmental, Health and Safety Committee and the Non-core Business Committee.

Mr. DiSalvo, Acting Chair of the RWA’s Audit-Risk Committee reported that the board met with RWA’s auditors to review the FY 2020 audit results.

In Mr. Curseaden’s absence, Mr. DiSalvo reported on the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee received four presentations from management: New Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Department at the RWA, FY 2021 Business Continuity work plan, AWIA Emergency Response Plan submission and an Invasive species control update.

Ms. Nesteriak, RWA’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, reported on activities over the past month, which included:

- Phase III re-opening
- Cleaning at sanitization practices
- Operational status
- COVID tracking software

Mr. Bingaman reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended August 31, 2020, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2021 is 114%, with a projected shortfall of \$4,961,000. He noted that there is continued uncertainty of the financial impact of the pandemic on RWA’s revised and reduced operating budget, which may be influenced by a resurgence of the pandemic later this year.

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Mr. Bingaman also reported that the revised FY 2021 Budget has assumed a full return to normal in January 2021.

He also reported that reservoir levels as of September 14, 2020, 2020 were 72%, compared to the long-term average of 71%.

Chair Ricoszi announced that there was a correction to the next meeting of the Land Use Committee. The committee will meet at its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Ricoszi acknowledge Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who reported that he received new information from the RWA on the PipeSafe program advertisement. He expressed his appreciation and stated that the ad was accurate and positive.

Mr. Smith commented that Mayor Blake of Milford sends his appreciation to Mr. Doyle, RWA's Manager of Corporate Communication, for his support with the town of Milford.

Mr. Bingaman reported that the RWA launched a revised community liaison program with district municipalities led by Mr. Doyle and employees of the Outreach & Communications department. The liaison will be a point of contact between the RWA and their assigned municipalities. Their responsibilities would include regular updates and keeping in contact with municipal officials, RPB members, and local health and fire departments.

At 7:12 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary