

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

**January 25, 2021  
Meeting Transcription**

Stephen:

Well, it is past 5:30, so I'll call the January Consumer Affairs meeting to order. And the first item on the agenda is up. It's the safety moment. And Jennifer did a good job of giving good tips for winter driving and preparing your auto. So I hope everyone's had a chance to look through that. Take any advice. Item two is our approval of the minutes for December. Do I have a motion?

Naomi:

I move.

Tony:

Second.

Stephen:

And who seconded?

Tony:

Tony.

Stephen:

Tony. Thank you. Are there any corrections, any omissions, any additions? Hearing none. All those in favor of approving the minutes?

All:

Aye.

Stephen:

Any opposed? Motion carries. And item three is approval of the OCA budget for 2022. Jeff, are you going to address this?

Jeff:

Sure. Even though we've been underspending the budget year in and year out, when I corresponded with Jennifer about it, I suggested essentially keeping the same budget because you never know when we may have a big application that requires some outside consulting expertise, and so I'd like to have that flexibility in the event that it's needed. Hopefully after 12 years, you know that I don't just spend the budget. So, the number really is a placeholder more than anything else in the event that we need outside expertise. The bills pretty much year over year, over the last five years or so, have been consistent on a month to month basis. But I don't recommend really any significant changes to the budget.

Stephen:

Okay.

Tony:

I move that we accept the budget.

Stephen:

Okay. Is there a second?

Naomi:

Second.

Stephen:

Okay. And do we need an amount, Jennifer, to approve this in the motion?

Jennifer:

Did we have 60? I don't have it on hand.

Stephen:

I thought it was 50 or something. Is it 50, Jeff?

Jeff:

It was 50,000 and then 10,000 as a placeholder for outside experts.

Stephen:

Okay. We'll make that the motion. Any discussion on that motion? All those in favor?

All:

Aye.

Stephen:

Any opposed? That motion carries. Item four is a report of the OCA if there's anything, Jeff?

Jeff:

Not much going on. I started writing this morning, as a matter of fact, my memo to the RPB concerning the West River Water Treatment Plant application. It's an interesting application because it's really three projects in one application. Three very somewhat intertwined projects. But that hearing, as you know you set at last Thursday's RPB meeting for your February RPB meeting, I believe the date is February 18. So I started writing that today so that I'll get it to you, the full RPB, well in advance of that hearing so you'll have time to dig into it because, like I said, it is really three projects in one application so the RPB ought to take a little more time to review all the materials. There's also quite a bit of confidential

materials that are under a protective order that I was able to obtain and review that are somewhat critical to understanding the background and the technical aspects which are quite involved for this particular application. But like I said, at last Thursday's RPB meeting, we don't have any pending consumer issues. There's no escalations. I'm not aware of anything that's looming out there. So it's good.

Stephen:

Well good. Thank you. There's nothing else under that topic. Item five is the approval of the OCA invoice for December. Do I have a motion on that?

Naomi:

I move.

Stephen:

Thank you, Naomi. Second?

Tony:

I'll second it.

Stephen:

Thanks, Tony. And that invoices for \$1605. Any questions for Jeff on, on the bill? Hearing none. All those in favor?

All:

Aye.

Stephen:

Any opposed? And that motion carries as well. Item six is our presentation for tonight, which we are going to have in executive session because of the topic premise here looks interesting, and I will entertain a motion to go into executive session.

Tony:

I move.

Stephen:

Thanks, Tony. Is there a second?

Laura:

Does that mean I drop off? I'm not sure.

Stephen:

No. We can include you in the motion for going into executive session. Is there anybody else that we need to...

Suzanne:

Do you want to invite me in there or no?

Stephen:

Yes, we should have either the RPB members or any RWA management is included in this presentation.

Suzanne:

Okay.

Stephen:

So who moved it? Tony did?

Tony:

I believe I did.

Stephen:

And we have a second? Naomi seconded?

Naomi:

Second.

Stephen:

All those in favor of going into executive session?

All:

Aye.

Stephen:

Any opposed? Okay. Jennifer, are we okay to move ahead?

Jennifer:

We are. Hang on one minute. Okay.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 5:38 P.M. TO 5:43 P.M.]

Stephen:

Item seven is our next meeting that will be Monday, February 22nd at 5:30. We didn't need a motion to come out of executive session, but I will. Jennifer, just make a note that there were no votes taken in executive session.

Jennifer:

Sure. I'll put that in there.

Stephen:

And if you could hang on for a minute after, we'll talk after. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Naomi:

I move.

Frank:

I second.

Stephen:

Thank you. And all in favor?

All:

Aye.

Stephen:

So we are adjourned. Thanks everybody.

[ADJOURN AT 6:18 P.M.]