Representative Policy Board South Central Connecticut Regional Water District Via Remote Access**

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- II Approval of Minutes January 21, 2021 meeting
- III Communications
 - A. Report on Code of Ethics compliance for the period ended November 30, 2020
- IV Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. RPB Finance Committee's recommendation regarding Regional Water Authority Member Compensation beginning June 1, 2021
 - B. RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee's recommendation regarding revisions to the RPB Rules of Practice
- V Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Bylaws and Rules Review Committee
 - E. Authority/Management
- VI Adjourn

7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing – West River Water Treatment Plant Project Improvements Application.

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Topic: RPB Regular Meeting

Time: Feb 18, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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SAFETY MOMENT

February – Radon Action

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and results in 20,000 deaths annually. Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the natural decay of uranium found in most soils. High radon levels have been found in every state.

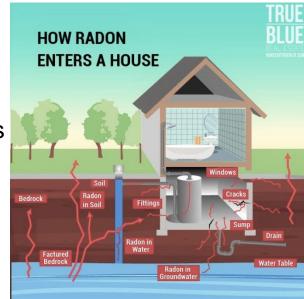
Take precautions by:

- Stop smoking
- Increase air flow in your house by opening windows and using fans to circulate air
- · Seal cracks in floors and walls
- Hire a company to test your home for radon

Service - Teamwork - Accountability - Respect - Safety



Regional Water Authority



Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority . It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.



Representative Policy Board South Central Connecticut Regional Water District Minutes of January 21, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, January 21, 2021, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

NI D	
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 Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Mike Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine

Peter DeSantis Vincent Marino

Regional Water Authority David Borowy

Joseph Cermola Anthony DiSalvo Kevin Curseaden Suzanne Sack

Management

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

Counsel Bruce McDermott, Esq.

Office of Consumer Affairs Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

Staff Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

North Branford

Governor's Rep

Absent

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. Pepe, the RPB approved the minutes of its December 17, 2020 meeting as distributed, with 93 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
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on the IRS standard mileage rate for the calendar year 2021; effective January 1, 2021, the new mileage rate is .56 cents per mile.

He stated that the FY 2021 second quarter RPB Dashboard Report was distributed to members. Mr. Mongillo stated that the first quarter RPB Dashboard was discussed at the Consumer Affairs meeting; it was decided that no further action was necessary at this point.

Mr. Slocum moved for adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on December 18, 2020, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for a Project to Construct Improvements at the West River Water Treatment Plant located in Woodbridge, Connecticut (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and the associated financing resolution and recommends that it be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the RPB is desirous of accepting said Application as complete, accepting the associated financing resolution, and scheduling said Application for a public hearing in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Authority's Application for a Project to Construct Improvements at West River Water Treatment Plant located in Woodbridge, Connecticut and determines to hold a public hearing on the Application, to be conducted by Mark Levine, as Presiding Member, on February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., via remote access; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Horbal seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 93 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
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Mongillo, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2020 fourth quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 93 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

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Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13) Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8) Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Chair Ricozzi acknowledged Mr. Slocum, who reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the month and held a discussion with management regarding the status of the RPB's compensation increase freeze. He reported that following management's recommendation, the Finance Committee recommends instituting compensation increases prospectively, on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Mongillo, the RPB voted to approve the release of the RPB compensation freeze prospectively, beginning on January 1, 2021. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote, and the recommendation was approved with 93 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
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Mr. Slocum stated that the Finance Committee will discuss the possible release of the compensation freeze, retroactively, later in the year.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The committee met with management to review compensation, receive a quarterly financial update from management and review the RPB Dashboard Report.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met last week to review the land use plan.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met in December and received a presentation on risk, resiliency, and redundancy. The committee will meet again on Monday, January 25, 2021. Mr. Singh will give an update on Cyber Security.

RPB Nominating Committee – Mr. Malloy, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee interviewed three candidates; however, only two candidates are eligible. Mr. Malloy reported that the committee will be receiving the name of a third candidate from Mayor Elicker.

RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee – Mr. Ricozzi reported that the committee met last week. There will be one change to the Rules of Practice and expedited timelines for the capital project application and rate application processes, which will be presented to the RPB at its February meeting.

Authority/Management - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority also met as the Compensation Committee and the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. Morgan Stanley, the RWA's Investment advisor reviewed the RWA's quarterly performance.

Mr. Cermola, Chair of the Compensation Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day, the Authority discussed salaries and merit increases for the Leadership Team.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority received an update on the status of the Lake Whitney Dam project application, which will be underway in the upcoming months.

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

- Status of COVID-19 at RWA
- Status of State of Connecticut vaccination protocols
- Status of remote work protocols
- Disinfection and increased cleaning procedures

Mr. Bingaman, President & Chief Executive Officer, reported that the Derby Tank Project was approved and work on that project will commence.

Mr. Bingaman reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses through December 31, 2020, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2021 is 114%, with a projected draw of \$600,000. He stated that there is still considerable uncertainty of the financial impact of the pandemic and that it is important to note that it is less likely to be back to normal in January, due to the insurgence of COVID. Management will continue to watch expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. The projected draw is based on operating and maintenance expenses remaining at the lower revised budget.

He also reported that reservoir levels as of January 19, 2021, were 84 %, compared to the long-term average of 75 %.

Mr. Bingaman reported that Ms. Kowalski will be a panelist during a two-day virtual workshop hosted by the Connecticut water planning council and the Alliance for water efficiency.

Chair Ricozzi acknowledge Attorney Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

At 7:11 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary

SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee, effective June 1, 2021 the compensation of the Regional Water Authority ("RWA") Chairperson be increased to \$34,500 per year and the compensation of members of the RWA who do not serve as Chairperson be increased to \$25,200 per year.

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

Representative Policy Board Bylaws and Rules Review Committee South Central Connecticut Regional Water District Via Remote Access

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Committee Members: M. Ricozzi, D. Borowy, T. Clifford, C. Havrda, S. Mongillo, T. Norris, and S. Sack RWA: R. Kowalski OCA: J. Donofrio, Esq. Staff: J. Slubowski

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Havrda, seconded by Mr. Clifford, and unanimously carried, the committee approved the minutes of its December 3, 2020 meeting.

Chair Ricozzi thanked management for the time spent putting together the expedited timelines. He reported that after a thorough review of the Representative Policy Board's ("RPB") Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints ("RPB Rules of Practice"), he did not find it necessary to make any additional changes other than those proposed at last month's meeting.

The committee discussed the RPB Rules of Practice, Section 6, Protective Orders. Members discussed minimum requirements for protective orders, necessity of the process, and the importance of keeping certain information available to members of the public according to the regulations of the Freedom of Information Act.

After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to recommend revisions to the RPB Rules of Practice, Section 8(b), changing the fifteen (15) day notice to the RPB to five (5) days.

The committee reviewed minor changes to the capital project process spreadsheet and the rate application procedure spreadsheet for easier interpretation. It was the consensus of the committee, and the OCA, that the spreadsheets be kept in procedural manuals for future reference.

The committee addressed the issue of assigning a process for capital project applications. After discussion, the committee determined that choosing which process to use should be a collaborative effort and members agreed that the initial option should be given to the RWA, with the understanding that the RPB will have the final authority.

Next steps include making minor changes to the capital project application process chart and the rate

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application process chart. Copies of the finalized charts will go to RPB members with a copy of the minutes at its February meeting along with the revisions to the RPB Rules of Practice.

The committee did not schedule another meeting.

At 5:40 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Mario Ricozzi, Chairman

RPB BYLAWS AND RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 3, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.

MEETING MATERIALS

RPB RULES OF PRACTICE (excerpt):

SECTION 8. DATE OF FILING.

(b) Applications requesting Board approval of proposed Authority actions will be accompanied by a letter of transmittal signed by a member of the Authority and must be submitted at least <u>fifteen five</u> days prior to the date of any action requested of the Board by the Authority on such application, provided that the <u>fifteen five</u> day period shall not be applicable to a particular application if the Board concurs with a report from the relevant committee of the Board that the public interest requires action by the Board prior to the expiration of said <u>fifteen five</u> day period and that it has been given adequate information by the Authority in anticipation of such filing. Said determination shall not consider the merits of the application but shall be one of a procedural nature only.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY FEBRUARY 18, 2021

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Representative Policy Board hereby adopts the proposed changes to its Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints, Section 8(b), as presented to the meeting, and set forth on the pages attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Representative Policy Board Project Approval Processes February 12, 2021

Timeframe	Standard Project Approval Process	Expedited Project Approval Process
Week 1	Authority meeting - Project submitted to Authority. Authority approves forwarding the application to the RPB	Authority meeting - Project submitted to Authority. Authority approves forwarding the application to the RPB; Overview of application given to RPB, RPB authorizes Public Hearing contingent upon application being deemed complete by appropriate RPC Committee (Finance or Land Use)
Week 2		Special Finance or LUC Meeting - Reviews the application for completeness and, if deemed complete, forwards to RPB chair to set Public Hearing date (Notice in the newspaper + 20 days)
Week 3		Interrogatories
Week 4	Finance Meeting - Review the application for completeness and forward to RPB to set Public Hearing	Interrogatories
Week 5	RPB meeting -Sets Public Hearing Date 1 month out (Notice in the newspaper + 20 days)	RPB Meeting - Public Hearing
Week 6	Interrogatories	
Week 7	Interrogatories	Special RPB Meeting - Continued Public Hearing (If Necessary)
Week 8	Interrogatories	
Week 9	Public Hearing	RPB Meeting - Decision
Week 10		
Week 11		
Week 12		
Week 13	RPB Meeting - Decision	
Week 14		
Project Approval Time	13-14 Weeks	9 Weeks

Note: Section 10 of the Enabling Legislation describes the process for Emergency Projects.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

 Illustrative

 PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR AN ISSUANCE TEST RATE APPLICATION ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUANCE

 OF THE AUTHORITY'S XX SERIES BONDS TO FUND ITS PROGRAM OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

	34th Series	2019 Rate Application (July effective		Proposed Change for July effective		January Effective Date (with		January Effective Date		
PRELIMINARY WORK: BONDS AND RATE APPLICATION	Bonds	date)	Days	date	Days	no change)	Days	(D	Days	Comments
Discuss this schedule with the Authority Mail rate application and resolutions for XX Series Bonds to Authority Authority reviews rate application and general resolutions for XX Series Authority takes action regarding rate application and XXth Series <i>Authority: special meeting, if necessary, regarding rate application</i> IF THE AUTHORITY APPROVES THE RATE APPLICATION Submit general resolution for XX Series and rate application to RPB; request public hearing	Thurs., Nov. 15th Thurs., Dec. 13th Thurs., Dec. 20th Thurs., Dec. 20th Fri, Dec. 21st Fri., Jan 4th	Thurs., Nov. 15th Thurs., Dec. 13th Thurs., Dec. 20th Thurs., Dec. 20th Fri. Dec. 21st Fri., Jan 4th		Thurs., Nov. 15th Thurs. Dec 16th Thurs. Dec 16th Fri. Dec 17th Wed., Dec. 22nd		Thurs. May 20th Mon., July 12th Thurs., July 15th Thurs., July 15th Fri., July 16th Mon., July 19th		Thurs. June 17th Mon., July 12th Thurs., July 15th Thurs., July 15th Fri., July 16th Mon., July 19th		Done at regular meeting of Authority (any significant changes pre- vetted) Regular meeting Authority: regular meeting, June meeting includes YE Disposition and YE Prel. Financials <i>Authority: possibly a special meeting</i> File at least 15 days before RPB acts (15 day requirement for RPB meeting)
Meet with Office of Consumer Affairs, if necessary Meet with RPB's Finance Committee re: completeness of application RPB takes action in response to request for public hearing Publish notice of public hearing IF ACCEPTED BY THE RPB AND IF THE HEARING DATE IS SET RPB holds public hearing	Thurs., Feb 7th Mon., Feb 11th Thurs., Feb 21st Sat., Feb 23rd	Thurs., Feb 7th Mon., Feb 11th Thurs., Feb 21st Sat., Feb 23rd Thurs. March 21st	38 48 1 26	Thurs. Jan 6th Mon., Jan 11th Thurs. Jan 21st Sat. Jan. 23rd Thurs., Feb. 18th	20 30 1 26	Thurs. Aug 5th Mon. Aug. 9th Thurs., Aug 19th Sat. Aug. 21st Thurs. Sept. 16th	21 31 1 26	Thurs. Aug 5th Mon. Aug. 9th Thurs., Aug 19th Sat. Aug. 21st Thurs. Sept. 16th	1	Regular meeting of the committee RPB: regular meeting. Must be at least 20 days before hearing. RPB: regular meeting
RPB takes action regarding rate application and general resolution for XX Series Bonds Publish RPB's decision regarding rate application IF THE RPB APPROVES THE RATE APPLICATION AND XX SERIES	Thurs., April 18th Sat., April 20th	Thurs., April 18th Sat., April 20th	1	Thurs. March 18th Sat. March 20th	1	Thurs. Oct. 21st Sat. Oct. 23rd	1	Thurs. Oct. 21st Sat. Oct. 23rd	1	RPB: regular meeting Appeals must be filed w/in 45 days
Authority takes action regarding POS and supplemental resolution Receive credit ratings from rating agencies (Standard & Poor's; Moody's)	Thurs., May 16th Fri., May 24th			Thurs., April 15th Fri., April 16th		Thurs. Nov 18th Fri. Nov. 19th		Thurs. Nov 18th Fri. Nov. 19th		Authority: regular meeting
45-day appeal period ends regarding the rate application Mail POS to Authority and RPB	Mon., June 10th	Wed., June 5th	45	Wed. May 5th Mon. May 10th Wed. May 12th through Wed.	45	Wed. Dec. 8th Mon. Dec 13th	45	Wed. Dec. 8th Mon. Dec 13th		Appeal period ends on the 45th day from notice) - following day is first day after appeal period
Pricing for the XX Series Bonds which the Authority accepts or rejects (If the sale is negotiated, sign Bond Purchase Agreement) IF THE AUTHORITY ACCEPTS THE PRICING FOR THE XX SERIES BONDS	Wed., June 12th			June 12th		Wed., Dec 15th		Wed., Dec 15th		Market conditions, dependent
Close on XX Series Bonds and implement rate increase	Mon., July 1st	Mon., July 1st		Tues. June 1st through Tues. Mon. July 1st		Wed. Jan 5th		Wed. Jan 5th		

Representative Policy Board Of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Whereas, at its ______ meeting, the board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority approved management's application for a project to ______ ("Application) for recommendation to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for a public hearing; and

Whereas, in accordance with Section 10(a) of the RPB's Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints, the RPB shall fix the date of Public Hearing and cause publication of the required notice thereof or may authorize its Chairperson or a committee thereof to fix such date and cause publication of such notice; and

Whereas, the RPB has received an overview of the Application from management, and recommends the Application for consideration by the RPB Finance Committee ("Committee").

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that based upon its review of the Application, the RPB recommends that the "Committee" review the application for completeness, and upon the Committee's approval, authorizes the RPB Chair to set the public hearing date and cause publication of the required notice.