

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of November 18, 2021 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, November 18, 2021, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
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

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Derby	Frank Pepe

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Anthony DiSalvo
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

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

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Esq.
Raquel Herrera-Sota

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

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 Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB approved the minutes of its October 21, 2021 meeting as distributed, with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Communications

Chair Ricozzi stated that the RWA Code of Ethics requires members to file a Conflict of Interest/Profit/Gift/Food Disclosure Report for the period ended November 30, 2021. Forms sent to members last week contained the incorrect date. The board administrator will email out corrected forms for members to complete and return to the board office.

Chair Ricozzi stated that early next year the remote board meetings would be changing from zoom to Microsoft Teams for added security and cost efficiency. The application can be downloaded from the internet free of charge. More details to follow in 2022.

On motion made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the following 2022 Calendar Year meeting dates, as presented, with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative: January 27; February 24; March 24; April 28; May 26; June 23; July 28; August 25; September 22; October 27; November 17; and December 15, with all meetings to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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)	Absent	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 month and received a review of the Ten Year Base Case and Target Models. The next meeting is on December 13, 2021.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Harvey reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the committee received a report on the biocontrol of swallow-worts on RWA properties. He commented that recreation permits are down from last month. The next meeting is on December 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the week. The committee received a review of the Ten Year Base Case and Target Models. The committee also approved its 2022 regular meeting dates and the Office of Consumer Affairs (“OCA”) reported no pending consumer complaints.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the RWA’s Environment, Health & Safety Committee reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with management and received a Health and Safety Initiatives update and the 2022 Legislative Session outlook.

RPB members discussed aspects of virtual net metering and solar electricity opportunities and regulations.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee reported that the committee met earlier in the day and received a high-level review of the RWA’s 10 Key Performance Indicators. The RWA is meeting all its goals. The committee also met with management to review business process improvements.

Ms. Reckdenwald provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA and associated planning.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Office, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended October 31, 2021 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2022 is 114%, with no shortfall. He reported the projection reflects the higher than anticipated billed consumption, a small reduction in the anticipated FY 2022 debt service payments, and reflects the one time impact associated with the conversation to monthly billing. Mr. Bingaman noted that there is still uncertainty regarding the short and long-term impacts of the pandemic, and associated variants, including on employment levels and customers' ability to pay. He also noted that the report does not reflect changes associated with the rate application.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of November 15, 2021, were 86%, compared to the long-term average of 66%.

Chair Ricoszi reminded members that monthly billing starts in January; members should be prepared to answer questions of municipalities or members of the public.

He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chair Ricoszi acknowledged Attorney Donofrio, OCA, and Atty. McDermott, Murtha Cullina LLP, who had nothing to report.

At 7:27 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary