

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of January 27, 2022 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, January 27, 2022, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
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
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Anthony DiSalvo
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Jim Courchaine
Paul Joseph
Rochelle Kowalski
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Amy Velasquez

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Cheshire	Tim Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
North Branford	Peter DeSantis

Murtha Cullina LLP

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its December 16, 2021 meeting as distributed, with 82 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)	Abstain	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Absent	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye

East Haven (6) Aye No. Branford (8) Absent Gov. Rep. (1) Aye

Communications

Chair Ricozzi stated that the board meetings would continue using the zoom platform through February to accommodate a possible public hearing. In March, the RPB will transition to Teams. The RWA is also working on a hybrid solution for meetings after March.

Chair Ricozzi reported on the IRS standard mileage rate for the calendar year 2022; effective January 1, 2022, the new mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile, up 2.5 cents from last year.

He stated that the FY 2022 second quarter RPB Dashboard Report was reviewed by the Finance Committee and has been distributed to members. Questions should be directed to members of the Finance Committee.

On motion made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Jaser, and unanimously carried, the RPB voted to waive the reading of the resolution previously distributed to members for completeness and scheduling of the public hearing for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), and Electrical Improvements Project Application, and consideration of associated financing, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 87 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)	Absent	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2021 fourth quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 87 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)	Absent	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – In Mr. Slocum’s absence, Mr. Clifford directed members to the Finance Committee minutes as drafted.

Land Use Committee – In Mr. Betkoski’s absence, Mr. Harvey reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee met with management and received a water chestnut update at Furnace Pond and a review of RWA owned properties.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting last month. The committee met with RWA staff and received an update of RWA’s customer service initiatives.

The committee also met earlier in the week and received a billed consumption update from management. The OCA reported no consumer issues and the committee approved the OCA's budget for FY 2023.

Chair Ricozzi noted that the meeting this evening would include a solar update presentation following the Authority report.

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 Pension & Benefit Committee and the Compensation Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the RWA's Pension & Benefit Committee reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with Morgan Stanley to receive an update on the RWA's quarterly investment performance.

The committee also approved a resolution for the delegation of routine matters for the RWA's 401K plan.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the sole member of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund ("Fund"). The Authority voted to approve the appointment of April Capone to the board of directors of the Fund.

Mr. DiSalvo, Chair of the RWA's Compensation Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and CEO, to discuss CEO priorities and the 2022 Strategic Plan action initiatives. The committee also received an update on the progress of the RWA's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion program.

Mr. Joseph, the RWA's Interim Human Resources Vice President, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Office, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended December 31, 2022 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2022 is 116%, with no shortfall. He reported the projection reflects the higher than anticipated billed consumption, a 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 projection reflects changes associated with the rate application.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of January 18, 2022, were 86%, compared to the long-term average of 77%.

Ms. Velasquez, the RWA's Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Lead, provided a solar savings and planning update, which included:

- North Sleeping Giant ("NSG") Solar Array Facts
- NSG solar savings 2018-2021
- Virtual net metering
- Next Steps

Discussion took place regarding grid locations and efficiencies.

At 7:14 p.m., Ms. Velasquez withdrew from the meeting.

Chair Ricozzi stated that contact lists would be distributed to board members and would include contact information for senior management, Authority members, RPB members, and an organizational chart for members of RWA's leadership team.

At 7:17 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Resolution for completeness and scheduling of the public hearing for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), and Electrical Improvements Project Application, and consideration of associated financing