

**Representative Policy Board  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
Minutes of March 24, 2022 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, March 24, 2022, 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
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
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 Marino

**Absent**

Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Milford	Richard Smith

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Anthony DiSalvo  
Catherine LaMarr  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Jim Courchaine  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Donna Verdisco

**Counsel**

Bruce McDermott, Esq.  
Raquel Herrera-Soto

**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 Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB approved the minutes of its February 24, 2022 meeting as distributed, with 81 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)	Abstain
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

### **Communications**

Chair Ricoszi noted that the special budget meetings to review management's FY 2023 Capital and Operating Budgets are scheduled on:

- 1) Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:30 pm, at the joint meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee and Land Use Committee; and
- 2) Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., at the special meeting of the Finance Committee.

Both meetings will include an executive session to answer questions regarding commercial enterprises. All RPB members may attend either, or both, meetings.

He stated that the April RPB and committee meetings would be held in-person at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven with an option to attend remotely.

Attorney McDermott inquired about the procedure for noticing the upcoming hybrid meetings. It was noted that the public will be able to attend meetings in-person or via remote access and that information for both will be included on the meeting notices/agendas posted on the RWA website, municipalities and the office of the Connecticut Secretary of State.

### **Items for Consideration and Action**

Ms. Mowat Young moved for approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the HVAC and Electrical Improvements, located in North Branford, Connecticut, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and, the RPB approved the resolution, with 82 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)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolutions:

**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 of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, as amended (the "Act") on a parity with or subordinate to bonds issued pursuant to 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 borrow money and to issue its bonds 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 Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to 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 applicable provisions of the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the construction cost of the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant (LGWTP) Clarifier Project; and to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds (the “Project”) and associated reserves.
4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private placement to the State of Connecticut or a purchaser approved by the Authority.

Ms. Mowat Young seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and, the RPB approved the resolution, with 82 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)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

**Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The committee met with RWA’s auditors from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to review the FY 2022 audit process. Management also provided an update on RPB approved projects.

The next regular meeting is on Monday, April 11, 2022 and the special meeting to review the FY 2023 budget is on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. All members are welcome to attend.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month and received a presentation from management on the 1901 typhoid epidemic and its influence on the filtering and treatment of water. The committee also received an update on RWA owned properties and an invasive species update.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met twice since the last RPB meeting. In February, the committee received a refinancing update from management and the associated financial impact. .

In March, the committee met and received a cybersecurity update from management. The update took place in executive session, and therefore, details of the update were not available. He also stated that the OCA reported no pending consumer complaints.

**Executive Committee** – Chair Ricozzi reported on the meeting that took place earlier in the month. The committee met to discuss in-person/hybrid meetings, review the schedule of upcoming capital projects and discuss process for upcoming Nominating Committee assignments for RPB officers and Authority member appointment. Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on either committee should contact the board office. The Committee also held a high-level discussion of RWA’s commercial business enterprise.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported that the March monthly meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, March 31, 2022 and will be combined with the FY 2023 special budget meeting. He thanked RPB members for their support of the LGWTP Application approved earlier.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses at the end of February 28, 2022, were positive but that there is still uncertainty regarding the short and long-term impacts of COVID.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of March 15, 2022, were 98%, compared to the prior year average of 91% and the long-term average of 87%.

Mr. Slocum inquired about pine growth at an RWA owned property in Cheshire. Management will contact him to discuss.

Attorney Donofrio reported no pending consumer complaints. He also stated that he met with members of RWA management earlier in the week to discuss upcoming capital projects.

Chair Ricozzi thanked Attorney McDermott for his input on noticing requirements for the upcoming hybrid meetings in April.

At 7:01 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for approval of the Application for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the HVAC and Electrical Improvements Project.