

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Minutes of the April 28, 2022 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Borowy presided.

Present: Authority – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski and Verdisco, and Messrs. Bingaman, Courchaine, Donovan, Lakshminarayanan, and Singh
RPB – Mr. Slocum
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

At 12:31 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Authority voted to recess the regular meeting to meet as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 2:47 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

Ms. Sack moved for approval of the following resolutions, as recommended by the Pension & Benefit Committee:

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$912,974 to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Union Employees’ Retirement Plan, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2022; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Union Employees’ Retirement Plan be changed from the PubG-2010 Total Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2020 generational improvements (M/F) to the PubG-2010 Total Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$2,264,867 to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Salaried Employees’ Retirement Plan, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2022; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Salaried Employees’ Retirement Plan be changed from the PubG-2010 Above Median Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2020 generational improvements (M/F) to the PubG-2010 Above Median Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$1,737,894 to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Retired Employees’ Contributory Welfare Trust, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2022; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Retired Employees' Contributory Welfare Trust be changed from the PubG.H.-2010 Employee, Healthy Annuitant, and Contingent Survivor with Scale MP-2020 generational improvements (M/F) to the PubG.H.-2010 Employee, Healthy Annuitant, and Contingent Survivor with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective as of the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, that the Authority approves an increase of \$1,133,903 as a combined contribution to the pension plan during fiscal year 2022.

Ms. LaMarr seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

On motion made by Ms. LaMarr, seconded by Ms. Sack, and unanimously carried, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive, as appropriate, the following items in the Consent Agenda, as amended:

1. Minutes March 31, 2022 and April 13, 2022 meetings
2. Capital budget authorization for May 2022

RESOLVED, that the Vice-President of Financial Reporting and Analysis is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for the month of May 2022 for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn pursuant to such requisition is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2022 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded.

3. Capital Budget Transfer Notifications for May 2022
4. Monthly Financial Report – March 2022
5. Accounts Receivable Update - March 2022

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President of Financial Reporting and Analysis, reported on a Type B3 Amendment to transfer \$510,000 from the South Sleeping Giant Wellfield Improvements project to the reserve due to the supply chain impact. This will allow the monies to be held in reserve for this project in FY 2023. Ms. Sack moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Authority approved the transfer of \$510,000 from the South Sleeping Giant Wellfield Improvements capital budget account to the overall capital budget contingency account.

Mr. Curseaden seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote:

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Ms. Verdisco, the RWA's Chief Human Resources Officer & Vice President of Corporate Services, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA.

Authority members discussed remote procedures and the status of call center operations.

Mr. Bingaman:

- Reported on communications with the owner of a possible acquisition related to a regional environmental laboratory. The owner has agreed to a term sheet and the RWA is working on agreements based on the outlined terms and conditions.
- Stated that he and Mr. Donovan met with two strategic consultants to discuss increasing deal flow by contacting existing companies to investigate interest in selling. Highlighted that since last month he has attended six field visits to view major project underway, which included the West River Water Treatment Plant dissolved air flotation project, the North Sleeping Giant Well Field new treatment system and well redevelopment, the installation of a 2,200 feet of water main in Milford, a water storage tank on the border of Cheshire and Wallingford and an elevator replacement project at the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant. He also joined Mr. Vitko, the RWA's Sr. Environmental Analyst, to better understand what kind of work he does and how his work protects water quality, including the work being done to keep diversions clear.
- Noted that as part of the RWA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program, training opportunities were initiated as part of an organization wide training program.
- Reported that six applications were submitted related to infrastructure investment for RWA's water treatment and infrastructure improvements. Up to 80% of project costs can be requested. .
- Communicated that management has been working with bond counsel and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund on language that would allow RWA to participate in the program's interim financing, which will allow the RWA to receive money as the project progresses.
- Stated that he welcomed more than 60 utility leaders who attended the bi-annual meeting of utility leaders to advise about the public utility management degree program and improve and formalize outreach.
- Reported that next week the RWA will hold their first community meeting on the Whitney Dam project. A video presentation about the history of the dam will be shown at the meeting and the Whitney Dam video was played.

Authority members reported on recent Representative Policy Board committee meetings.

At 3:42 p.m., Mr. Slocum withdrew from the meeting.

Authority members reviewed the upcoming FY 2022/2023 capital project application schedule.

At 3:49 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Sack, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Authority voted to go into executive session to discuss strategy and negotiation. Present in executive session were Authority members, Mss. Kowalski, Verdisco and Slubowski, and Messrs. Bingaman, Courchaine, Donovan, Lakshminarayanan and Singh.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 3:58 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. Chair Borowy noted that there would be a need for a special meeting on May 16, 2022 for the Authority's regarding the Lake Whitney Dam Application. For reasons discussed in executive session, this application is following the expedited approval process.

Chair Borowy disclosed that a family member has contacted him about being hired by a company that is associated with work expected to be conducted on the Lake Whitney Dam. It is unknown whether the family member will be directly involved with the project. Authority members and management acknowledged the disclosure and found no need to investigate further.

At 4:00 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary