

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven
and
Via Remote Access**

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
 - II Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2022 meeting
 - III Communications
 - A. Special RPB meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss and consider action on the Application for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project (Phase I)
 - B. Finance Committee’s recommendation regarding completeness, mode, and date of public hearing to the RPB Chair for approval of the expedited process of a Public hearing for the Authority’s Application for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project (Phase I), on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
 - C. Reminder of RPB member term expirations on June 30, 2022
 - IV Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Act on Resolution regarding the Regional Water Authority’s proposed FY 2023 Budget
 - V Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Nominating Committee
 - E. Authority/Management
 - VI Adjourn
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7:00 p.m. – **PUBLIC HEARING** - Authority’s Application for the Water Treatment Plants Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut

**Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via remote access. For information on attending the meeting via remote access and to view meeting documents, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2b359cuji>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.

SAFETY MOMENT

MAY IS NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH!!!!

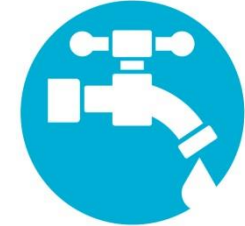
With the promise of summer comes more time spent near and in the water. Below are some tips from the American Red Cross to keep your family safe:

- Ensure members of your family learn to swim
- Use barriers to prevent access to water by young children
- Use life jackets
- Supervise children while swimming
- Know what to do in a water emergency

By working together to improve water competency including swimming skills, water smarts and helping others, water activities can be safer and just as much fun.



Tap Into
Safety



Regional Water Authority

Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

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

 Regional Water Authority

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of April 28, 2022 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III (remote)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer (remote)
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame (remote)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith (remote)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis (remote)
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno (remote)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser (remote)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal (remote)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy (remote)
Woodbridge	Mark Levine (remote)

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

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

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

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. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Harvey, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its March 24, 2022 meeting, with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Absent	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 (10)	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)	Absent

Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Stated that RPB term expirations are coming up on June 30, 2022 for the following members: Messrs. Clifford, Horbal, Mongillo, Pepe, Rescigno, Slocum, and Smith. Members should reach out to their municipal CEO’s to discuss
- Commented that volunteers are needed for the RPB Nominating Committee for RPB officers. Mr. Eitzer, Malloy, and Ms. Verderame volunteered at the meeting. Mr. Havrda also volunteered.
- Reported on a change to the order of the capital project applications. In particular, the application process for the Lake Whitney Dam design will be slightly expedited and presented to the RPB prior to the Customer Information System application.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to review the Authority’s Application for completeness, mode and date of public hearing of the Authority’s Application for the Water Treatment Plants Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut. The committee found the application to be complete and voted to recommend the application to the RPB. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on April 1, 2022, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for a Project of the Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacements Project located in North Branford, Connecticut (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

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

WHEREAS, the RPB accepts said Application as complete and schedules 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 hereby accepts the Authority’s Application and determines to hold a public hearing on the Application, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; 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.

Chair Ricozzi reported that Mr. DeSantis, North Branford’s RPB representative, would act as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

Ms. Young seconded the resolution. The Chair called for the vote, the RPB unanimously approved the resolution with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Absent	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 (10)	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)	Absent

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2022 first quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Absent	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)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that at the committee meeting earlier in the month the committee reviewed the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Influent Valve Replacement Project Application for completeness, mode and date of public hearing. The application was found to be complete. The committee also received a Quarterly Financial update from management.

The committee also met again on April 20th at a special meeting to review the proposed FY 2023 Budget with management. All RPB members were invited to attend.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month at the Madison Slash Wall Timber Harvest and held a discussion with RWA’s new Forester... The committee also received updates on RWA owned properties from management.

The committee also met on April 18th at a joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee to review the proposed FY 2023 Budget with management. All RPB members were invited to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

Consumer Affairs Committee – In Mr. Mongillo’s absence, Mr. Betkoski reported that the Committee met last week at a joint meeting with the Land Use Committee to review the proposed FY 2023 budget.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that the Authority met on March 31, 2022 at a special meeting to review the FY 2023 budget, along with meeting as the Commercial Business Committee and the Environmental, Health, & Safety Committee. RPB members received updates previously.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that Authority met earlier in the day, and as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. Sack reported on the Pension & Benefit Committee meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with RWA’s Actuary, Angell Pension Group, to discuss the valuation reports, assumptions and associated contribution levels that will be used in the upcoming fiscal year. The Authority approved the assumptions and contributions for next fiscal year and an additional fiscal 2022 contribution to the pension plan. The Committee also met with Morgan Stanley to receive a Quarterly Investment Performance Update and to discuss Environmental, Social and Governance portfolio impacts and considerations. The committee also reviewed its 2023 Committee Work Plan.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority reviewed a revised schedule of upcoming capital projects. He stated that two would be presented to the RPB in the next month.

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.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended March 31, 2022, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2022 is 125%, with no shortfall. The projection includes the rate application, including depreciation and bong pricing. It also reflects lower than anticipated PILOT and debt service. However, uncertainty still exists related to the pandemic and this may affect customers' ability to pay but the RWA is remaining optimistic.

He also reported that reservoir levels are at 97% as of April 18, 2022 compared to the long-term average of 93%.

Mr. Bingaman reported that there is a community meeting scheduled at Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant on May 5th at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the Lake Whitney Dam project and to answer questions and address concerns about the project. So far 15 people have signed up to join the meeting. He presented a video to RPB members that will be shown at the meeting.

Chair Ricozzi acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who reported that the FY 2023 budget letter was distributed to members of the Authority and RPB earlier in the day.

He also reported that reservoir levels are at 97% as of April 18, 2022 compared to the long-term average of 93%.

Ms. Verdisco, the RWA's Chief Human Resources Officer & Vice President of Corporate Services, provided an update of the RWA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I), which included:

1. Progress of RWA's journey to inclusion
2. DE&I mission, vision, values, and strategic priorities and initiatives
3. Summary of Key Findings and Observations
4. Program Success Criteria

Members of the RPB thanked Ms. Verdisco for her update.

At 7:47 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Charles Havrda, Secretary

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

Proposed Resolutions

May 18, 2022

(Finance Committee's recommendation to RPB Chairman re Authority's Application for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project (Phase I))

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on May 16, 2022, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project (Phase I), (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and the associated financing resolution and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB Chairman on behalf of the RPB as complete and the financing resolution be accepted for consideration, under the expedited process; and

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

WHEREAS, the RPB Chairman accepts said Application on behalf of the RPB, as complete and scheduled said Application for a public hearing, under the expedited process and 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 Chairman accepts the Authority's Application on behalf of the RPB and the associated financing resolution for consideration by the RPB, and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.; 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.

**REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

MAY 26, 2022

(FY 2023 Capital and Operating Budgets)

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Authority requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2023 proposed Capital and Operating Budgets ("Budgets"); and

WHEREAS, the RPB held workshops on April 18, 2022 and April 20, 2022, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budgets and responded to questions in a professional, concise and articulate way; and

WHEREAS, the RPB has a duty to review the Budgets and to comment, but has no other statutory obligation or authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB wishes to express its appreciation to management and the Authority for the professionalism of their presentation and express its overall support of the FY 2023 proposed Budgets; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA's Budget review letter dated April 27, 2022 in support of the Budgets; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB consensus regarding the proposed Budgets is that they are reasonable and supported; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB believes that the RPB's questions were adequately addressed and members were satisfied with management's responses.