

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

Minutes of May 26, 2022 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Bethany Brian Eitzer (remote)
Branford Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire Timothy Slocum
Guilford Charles Havrda
Hamden Stephen Mongillo (remote)
Killingworth Jamie Mowat Young (remote)
Madison Joseph A. Oslander (remote)
New Haven Naomi Campbell (remote)
North Branford Peter DeSantis
North Haven Anthony Rescigno (remote)
Orange Jasper J. Jaser (remote)
Prospect Robert E. Harvey, Jr. (remote)
West Haven T. Gregory Malloy (remote)
Woodbridge Mark Levine (remote)
Governor’s Rep Vincent Marino

Absent

Ansonia Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls Peter Betkoski
Derby Frank Pepe
East Haven Michelle Verderame
Milford Richard Smith
Seymour Michael H. Horbal

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Anthony DiSalvo
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Jim Courchaine
Jim Hill
Orville Kelly
Rochelle Kowalski
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Tighe & Bond

Christopher C. Bone

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence for the victims for the victims and their families in Texas.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its April 28, 2022 meeting, with 78 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	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)	Absent

Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	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)	Absent

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on a special RPB meeting scheduled for June 9, 2022 to hold the public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Phase Application. The RPB will meet, then recess for the public hearing, and reconvene after to discuss the public hearing and Application. If appropriate, the RPB will make a decision on the Application, which will also include a funding resolution.

He reminded members who are up for reappointment that they will continue to serve until reappointed by their towns. He noted that letters have been mailed to municipal CEO’s concerning this matter.

Chair Ricozzi, acknowledged Ms. Young, and her new position with the State Treasurer’s office. She will continue to represent Killingworth on the RPB.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Authority requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2022 proposed Capital and Operating Budgets (“Budgets”); and

WHEREAS, the RPB held workshops on April 19, 2021 and April 20, 2021, 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 obligations 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 2022 proposed Budgets; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA’s Budget review letter dated April 23, 2021; 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 Authority’s overall financial plan provides for stable finances at unprecedented and uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic and the essential funding of capital projects and the flexibility of reduced operating expenses will support the steps necessary to address financial obstacles during the fiscal year.

Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 78 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	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)	Absent
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	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)	Absent

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month at a special meeting to review the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Application and set the public hearing date.

Land Use Committee – In Mr. Betkoski’s absence, Mr. Harvey reported that the committee met earlier in the month at the Waite Street Garden to receive an update from management on the pollinator gardens and community collaboration.

At 6:47 p.m., Mr. Marino entered the meeting.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met last week to receive an update from management on the Lead & Copper Rule. The OCA reported no pending complaints.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Havrda, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee met two times in May and the committee will make its recommendation for RPB officers at the June meeting of the RPB.

Authority/Management - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported that the Authority met earlier in the day and met as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the RWA Audit-Risk Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day the members received a Risk Management Plan update from management.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day, the members received presentations from management on the Implementation of New Streamflow Regulations, Environmental Compliance update, and a Health and Safety update.

Mr. Borowy reported that the Authority also approved the Customer Information System Solution Project Application for recommendation to the RPB. RPB members can expect to receive the application in the upcoming days. Lastly, the Authority will be holding a short meeting after the public hearing to vote on the FY 2023 budget.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, 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 April 2022, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2022 is 129%.

He also reported that reservoir levels are at 98% as of May 16, 2022 compared to the long-term average of 94%.

Mr. Bingaman stated that issues are resolved with the Derby Tank, but under the RPB Rules of Practice, costs that exceed 10% of the original approved price require RPB approval. Since the costs now exceed 10%, the RWA will need to advise the RPB Finance Committee who will provide their recommendations to the RPB. However, cost escalation clause is still in compliance.

He thanked Mr. Mongillo for his participation at the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design meetings that took place.

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UNAPPROVED DRAFT

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

Charles Havrda, Secretary