

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

Minutes of June 9, 2022 Meeting

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 9, 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 (remote)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer (remote)
Branford	Mario Ricozzi (remote)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda (remote)
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo (remote)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young (remote)
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander (remote)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno (remote)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser (remote)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr. (remote)
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy (remote)
Woodbridge	Mark Levine (remote)

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Milford	Richard Smith
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Anthony DiSalvo
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Jim Courchaine
Dennis Donovan
Orville Kelly
Rochelle Kowalski
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Larry Marcik
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Donna Verdisco
Tara Augur

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Public Members

Ann Altman
Leah Glaser
Ryan Paxton

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.

He mentioned that the RPB would recess the special meeting to hold a public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project – Phase 1. The public hearing would include funding for the design and the need for the project, no design plans will be displayed.

At 6:35 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to recess the meeting to hold the public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design – Phase 1, with 74 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 (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

At 7:38 p.m., the RPB special meeting reconvened.

Chair Ricoszi thanked RPB members and members of the public for attending. He stated that the first item of action was the Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board (Findings of Fact) for the Application for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1. Chair Ricoszi reminded members that the Application was completed using the expedited process. The Findings of Fact was drafted using standard language that was previously sent to members, the OCA, and counsel for review. He stated that information from the public hearing would be inserted, and if found to be acceptable in the form and format presented then the RPB would vote to approve a resolution.

After discussion, Ms. Campbell moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), on May 16, 2022, filed an Application to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1 (“Application”); and

WHEREAS, the RPB Finance Committee reviewed the Application and recommended to the RPB Chairman, under the RWA’s expedited process, that it be accepted as complete and scheduled a public hearing on June 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the RPB held a public hearing for the Application on June 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, 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, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is approved as revised and discussed at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the RPB concluded that the Application and the proposed action is necessary and consistent with the policies and mission of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, is not likely to have adverse effects on the environment, and is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB hereby approves the Authority’s Application for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1, No. 22-02, filed May 16, 2022, in accordance with Section 19 of Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

Mr. Harvey seconded the motion and the RPB adopted the motion with 74 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 (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye

Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

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 or as obligations issued pursuant to the federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and 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 issue its bonds from time to time but 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 Six Million Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$6,020,000) and further resolved;
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution that may 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 General Bond Resolution and hereby and further resolved;
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of the design of the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Improvements (the “Project”) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund, Debt Reserve Fund, and Operating Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance and further resolved;
4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank, the State of Connecticut or the United States of America.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 74 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 (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Chair Ricozzi recognized Mr. Marcik for his participation in the public hearing.

Mr. Mongillo acknowledged Atty. Donofrio for his review and work done for the public hearing.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, thanked members of the RPB, the Authority, and Atty. Donofrio, for the expedited process.

At 7:01 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Betkoski, the meeting adjourned with 74 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 (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1 Application.