

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

Minutes of June 23, 2022 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 23, 2022, via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Tom Clifford
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

Absent

Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Anthony DiSalvo
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
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 6:35 p.m. He thanked members for attending the special meeting and public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Mongillo, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 26, 2022 meeting, with 53 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)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Abstain
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

At 6:38 p.m., Mr. Marino entered the meeting.

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported that the FY 2023 RPB Weighted Vote Computation has been distributed to members. There are no changes.

He stated that members should submit their committee choice to the board office prior to the start of the July committee meetings.

Chair Ricozzi noted that there was an update included in the meeting package for a cost increase for the Derby Tank Project. RWA management met with the Finance Committee earlier in the month, questions should be addressed to Mr. Slocum, Finance Committee Chair. Not further vote was required by the RPB.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum 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 Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 54 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)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Abstain

Mr. Mongillo moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Authority voted to recommend the Application for Customer Information System (CIS) Solution (“Application”) to the RPB at its May 26, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, under Section 33-B of the Representative Policy Board’s (“RPB”) Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints (“Rules of Practice”) state that projects costing more than two million dollars or where the original estimate was less than two million dollars but where subsequent estimates exceed two million dollars shall be for the Authority or the Authority’s management to make a presentation first to the Finance Committee of the Board and subsequently to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the CIS Application project cost exceeds two million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the RPB of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority agrees that the Application is in the public interest and would benefit from a presentation by management to the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee in place of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3 of the Rules of Practice, the RPB may waive the rules where good cause appears, and the Board may permit deviation from these rules, except when such deviation is prohibited by statutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB agrees that a review of the Application by the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee is appropriate and in the best interest of the public; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB hereby approves a waiver of Section 33-B of the RPB Rules of Practice regarding a review by the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee for completeness, mode and date of public hearing and authorizes the RPB Chair to set the public hearing date and filing of the Notice as set forth in Section 10, of the RPB Rules of Practice, for the CIS Application.

Chair Ricozzi stated that he thought it would be appropriate for the CIS Application to go to the Consumer Affairs Committee for review of completeness due to the direct effect on RWA’s customers. Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 55 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)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

Chairperson:	Mario Ricozzi
Vice Chairperson:	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Secretary:	Charles Havrda
Treasurer:	Jasper J. Jaser

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 55 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)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	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 that the committee met earlier in the month and received an update of the Derby Tank Project from management and the quarterly update of RPB approved projects. Next meeting is a special meeting on July 12, 2022.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Harvey reported that the committee met earlier in the month at Maltby Lakes to receive a discussion from management regarding a brief history of the Lakes. The committee also discussed trespassing on RWA properties and monitoring. Management also provided a report on the Derby Tank Project. Next meeting is on July 13, 2022.

Discussion took place regarding protecting RWA properties. After discussion, it was noted that management would provide a future update.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Authority/Management - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, congratulated the appointment of officers to the RPB for the upcoming year and thanked members for their support of the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Influent Valve Application approved earlier in the meeting.

He reported that the Authority met earlier in the day and met as the Commercial Business Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the RWA Commercial Business Committee, reported that at the committee meeting earlier in the day, the committee met in executive session to discuss a potential transactions and approved a resolution that allows management to move forward, as long as certain conditions are met. Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the day to receive an update of the FY 2022 Strategic Plan and review and adopt the FY 2023 Strategic Plan.

Ms. Verdisco, the RWA's Chief Human Resources Officer & Head 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 May 31, 2022, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 138%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

He also reported that reservoir levels are at 95% as of June 13, 2022 compared to the long-term average of 91%.

Discussion took place regarding remote meeting status at the RWA and status of repairs at the Prospect Dam.

Chair Rizzo acknowledged Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, had nothing to report.

Mr. Clifford commended the RWA for its current financial position in light of the market conditions.

At 7:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, for the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for the Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut.