

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Minutes of the August 25, 2022 Meeting

A regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority took place on Thursday, August 25, 2022, via remote access. Chairman Borowy presided.

Present: Authority Members present – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, DiSalvo and Ms. LaMarr
Authority Members absent – Ms. Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Verdisco, Augur, and Messrs. Bingaman, Donovan, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, and Singh
RPB – Mr. Levine
The Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund – Mr. Stone
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

Chair Borowy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Verdisco, the RWA’s Chief Human Resources Officer & Vice President of Corporate Service, reviewed the safety moment distributed to members.

At 12:32 p.m. on motion made by Ms. LaMarr, seconded by Mr. Curseaden, and unanimously carried, the Authority voted to recess the regular meeting to meet as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

At 1:45 p.m. the Authority reconvened and on motion made by Mr. DiSalvo, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Authority voted to recess the regular meeting to meet as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

At 3:15 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

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

1. Minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting.
2. Capital budget authorization for September 2022.

RESOLVED, that the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,700,000 for the month of September 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shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn pursuant to such requisition is a proper charge to the Construction Fund.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notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate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 FY 2023 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded.

3. Capital Budget Transfer Notifications.
4. Monthly Financial Report for July 2022.
5. Accounts Receivable Update for July 2022.
6. FY 2023 Business Continuity Update.
7. HazWaste Central Update.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

At 3:18 p.m., Messrs. Levine and Stone entered the meeting.

Mr. Stone, President of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund (“Fund”), provided an update of the FY 2022 Fund financials, an overview of approved grant and scholarship awards, and the annual golf tournament.

Mr. Stone also reported that two directors of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund were up for reappointment: Susan S. Addiss and Martha Rice. Both directors have expressed an interest in continuing to serve. Background information was previously provided to the Authority for review. He also reported that two directors have resigned, Scott Jones, appointed by the Authority last year, and Mr. Olejarczyk, who has served as a director and Treasurer for the Fund for 22 years. The Fund will be pursuing interested candidates to fill the director positions in the future. After discussion, Mr. Curseaden moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following persons be, and hereby are, reappointed as Directors of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund, Inc. to serve in such capacity until the annual meeting of the Sole Member in 2025, or until they otherwise lawfully cease to hold such office: Susan S. Addiss and Martha Rice.

Ms. LaMarr seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the resolution was approved.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Abstain
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

At 3:26 p.m., Mr. Stone withdrew from the meeting.

Authority members reported on recent Representative Policy Board committee meetings.

Ms. Verdisco provided on update on the status of COVID at the RWA.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”):

- Reported that bid offers were presented to two prospective businesses. If accepted, they will required RPB approval. Additionally, three candidates in the plumbing industry have also expressed an interest in entering into discussions regarding possible acquisition.
- Stated that Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, and her team are currently working with auditors on the RWA’s FY 2022 year-end audit. Audited financial statements will be presented to the Authority at its September meeting.
- Reported that Ms. Kowalski and Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, have been working with members of the Senate to provide the RWA with infrastructure project funding, which could potentially fund up to \$3.4 million to be used for projects related to the Seymour well treatment facility generator replacement and the Lake Gaillard water Treatment Plant HVAC and electrical improvements. However, the funding is not guaranteed.
- Highlighted recent field visits during August including the West River dissolved air floatation building.
- Stated that after six years of remediation work at Hamden Middle School, all required notifications with state and local municipalities and regulatory agencies have been recorded and the final report was submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The six-phase cleanup project is now closed and he thanked the RWA’s Environmental Planning Department for their work in getting the project completed.
- Commented on a recent meeting with the new Dean at Southern Connecticut State University to discuss plans for the Business School and the Utility Management Degree Program.

Ms. Kowalski provided an update on the RWA’s pension funding level. She reported that due to market conditions funding levels were down as of the audited date of May 31st but are slowly climbing. However, funding levels based on August market values will be incorporated into the Ten-Year Model, and planning over the next few years, to meet the fully funded level at the end of FY 2025.

Mr. Bingaman provided a video presentation of the status of the work being completed at the Derby Tank site.

Mr. Bingaman requested an executive session be added to discuss a last-minute confidential real estate matter.

At 3:49 p.m., Mr. Levine withdrew from the meeting and on motion made by Mr. DiSalvo, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Authority voted to go into executive session to discuss real estate matters. Present in executive session were Authority members, Mss. Kowalski, Verdisco, Augur, Slubowski and Messrs. Bingaman, Donovan, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, and Singh.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

At 4:00 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session, and on motion made by Ms. LaMarr, seconded by Mr. Curseaden, and unanimously carried, the Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Curseaden, Secretary