

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

**Minutes of August 25, 2022 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, August 25, 2022, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

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

**Absent**

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Derby	Frank Pepe
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Kevin Curseaden  
Anthony DiSalvo  
Catherine LaMarr

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Jim Hill  
Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Donna Verdisco  
Dana Bochan  
Deborah Bradley  
Rita DelVasto  
Laura Gonzalez  
Trevor Hansen  
Jackie Lynn  
Andrea Maldonado  
Robert Olejarczyk  
Anthony Perugini  
Sree Prathigadapa  
Brenda Valentin  
Larry Woodward

**Counsel**

Bruce McDermott

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

**AAC Utility Partners**

Lyndal Haddox  
Steve Wenke

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

## Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

## Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Eitzer, seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its July 28, 2022 meeting as distributed, with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

## Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Reported on the Nominating Committee for the appointment of Authority member. The committee has been established with Mr. Eitzer as Chairman, and includes Ms. Verderame and Messrs. Havrda, Malloy, Mongillo and Slocum. The committee's first meeting is on Monday, August 29, 2022.
- Stated that the RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report has been distributed to members. Questions should be directed to Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee.
- Provided an update on RPB term expirations and reappointments. East Haven, North Haven, and Governors Representative are still pending confirmation.

At 6:36 p.m., Mr. Mongillo and Atty. Donofrio entered the meeting.

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month and met with management to discuss potential Ten Year Model scenarios. The next meeting is on September 12, 2022.

**Land Use Committee** – In Mr. Betkoski's absence, Mr. Harvey reported that the Committee met earlier in the month at Maple Tree Dairy Farm in East Haven. The committee met with the RWA's tenant, Mr. Page, to discuss the recent drought, its effect on hay and corn production along with the ATV's and dirt bikes and what he is doing to keep people off the property he leases.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The committee met with management to discuss Ten Year Model scenarios. The OCA reported that he spent much of his time preparing his August 15<sup>th</sup> memorandum and evaluation. He also stated that there were no consumer issues pending. The next meeting is on September 19, 2022.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee and as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day. He stated that much of the meeting was held in executive session to receive a

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physical security update from management, which included a status of security on watershed land and facilities. The update also included a discussion of a recent assessment, vulnerabilities, recommendations, and budgeting. It looks like we will be increasing our budget this year by about \$400,000 allocated towards increasing security and going towards the recommendations approved by the board. This is a security matter but there are current proactive plans that will be put in place to help address the issue and a recommendation for next year. He reported that the committee also had two updates on HazWaste Central and Business Continuity that were included as consent agenda items.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day and held much of the meeting in executive session to discuss personnel matters, including succession planning and training.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended July 31, 2022, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 114%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. He stated that there is still uncertainty due to the state of the economy and the pandemic.

He also provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA.

Mr. Bingaman reported that as of August 15, 2022 raw storage levels are at 78%, compared to the long-term average of 78%.

At 7:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Jaser, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 90 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	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)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Havrda, Secretary