

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

APRIL 17, 2024

MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Bob:

Well I have 5:00, so I think we'll start the meeting of Representative Policy Board Executive Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District. We have a safety moment. It is bicycle safety. Inspect your bike, wear an helmet, get acquainted with traffic laws, ride single-file in the direction of traffic, remain alert, use hand signals, and don't hitch onto cars.

Do I have a motion to approve our minutes from our last meeting that was in January?

Jamie:

I'll make the motion.

Mark:

Jamie made the motion. Do I have a second?

Tim:

I'll second. Tim.

Bob:

Discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye.

Committee members:

Aye.

Mark:

Any opposed? Any abstentions? Now we'll move on to item three, which is customer information system update. I guess we need to go into executive session. I would love to get a motion that allows us to go into executive session with everyone who is here.

Jamie:

So moved.

Mark:

Second.

Bob:

All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

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Committee members:

Aye.

Mark:

Any opposed? Okay. I guess we can stop recording.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 5:03 P.M. TO 5:36 P.M.]

Stephen:

Can I ask a question? Is Larry still there?

Bob:

He is.

Stephen:

Just how are we doing with our legislation? It's a little further passed now?

Larry:

It was two weeks ago, I believe it was, it was passed unanimously out of the committee with no opposition, supported committee leadership and it is now on the floor of the House waiting for action. No action has been taken yet, but we expect it very soon. And there's been nobody that's been speaking against it or anything like that. So it's moving and we're expecting it to be enacted.

Stephen:

Keep our [inaudible 00:00:47], right?

Larry:

[inaudible 00:00:48] moves it, then we'll get to the governor's office and brief his chief of staff so that he'll sign it expeditiously when it hits his desk.

Stephen:

Excellent. Excellent. Thank you.

Bob:

Okay, back onto committees and agendas. What have you?

Larry:

One thing I'd like to ask is that if any of the Executive Committee members have a special topic that they would like management to present at the next committee meeting, which is your July meeting, we'd certainly welcome that feedback.

Bob:

Okay. We'll do some discussion on that, I guess. I don't know if we can answer that today. Probably not. We'll see what we can do.

Larry:

Wanted to plant the seed.

Bob:

Sure. Yeah. Does anyone have anything, any issues, concerns?

Larry:

I would like to mention one item.

Bob:

Sure.

Larry:

As you recall, at the last public hearing of the RPB, we had a visitor come in with a suitcase. Now, had Julia Vaughn been there, she most likely would have stopped that person and inquired about the suitcase since this is not a hotel.

So following that, in fact, Mark and I had a conversation and I have met with Paul Ruggiero, our Police Captain, and we have a system set up so that whenever we have a public hearing, Jennifer will notify Paul's office. And he will assign a police officer from roughly about the time, the hearing, or excuse me, the RPB meeting is scheduled to start.

You'll have a police officer there that will be obviously watching out for things like suitcases and other things that might be potentially dangerous. So that issue had been addressed. And matter of fact, we should see that in action at this upcoming meeting because that'll be a public hearing. It won't be for regularly scheduled RPB meetings. It will just be for hearings.

Bob:

Very good to hear that.

Stephen:

Who would think that we'd have to do that? I mean, I'm glad we're doing it, but who would think that something like that would've happened?

Jamie:

So we were talking about the public hearings and I think at a prior meeting, someone, and it may have been Mark, maybe not, that mentioned, there might be some pushback for the public hearing coming up. Are we expecting or is anybody, and Jim, maybe you would know, are we expecting any sort of group or folks to come to that public hearing or any sort of pushback on? No?

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Larry:

I've not heard of anybody opposing and it's Sunny and April, when she was here, did quite a bit of extensive public outreach. So we haven't heard anything.

Jamie:

Good. Okay. [inaudible 00:04:48].

Stephen:

This is on the system, the chemical system, right? The new chemical system, not the dam itself. Is it the public hearing? I think the pushback would be on the dam itself. People would want to have something to say about that. This, I don't think they'll even see the work being done, will they? I don't think so.

Bob:

How close they pay attention.

Jamie:

Another question, and I think it was on one of the new sheets that you put out, the internal new sheets, there was mention of psychological training or psychological awareness training webinar. What is that? Do we know what that is or why psychological awareness?

Larry:

Are you talking about the Watercooler?

Speaker 4:

Yeah, it was in the Watercooler. It was mentioned and I didn't know what that was.

Prem:

We have a series of these general trainings. [inaudible 00:05:55], she does some of these things. We have a meetings, moments of the meeting, etc., for the Monday morning, things like that that they put in. This is more for awareness purposes.

And I mean, there's not a specific reason per se, but this is more in general that they have series of things that they keep on. That's-

Jamie:

So for just general employees?

Prem:

It's not because there's an issue or anything like that.

Jamie:

All right. Thank you. Thank you.

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Bob:

Does anyone else have anything they'd like to discuss or share? Okay. As noted, our next meeting is going to be on Wednesday, July 17th at 5:00 P.M. Is there any new business anyone would like to bring up? Hearing none. I guess motion to adjourn.

Tim:

So moved.

Vin:

Second.

Bob:

All those in favor of adjourning, please say aye.

Committee members:

Aye.