Representative Policy Board Finance Committee South Central Connecticut Regional Water District <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> Meeting ID: 254 706 724 971 Passcode: 9a8PEH **Or call in (audio only)** +1 469-965-2517,,746221632# United States, Dallas Phone Conference ID: 746 221 632#

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

- 1. Safety Moment
- 2. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. April 10, 2023 meeting
 - b. April 17, 2023 joint meeting
- 3. Consider and act on recommendation to the Representative Policy Board regarding completeness, mode, and date of public hearing for the Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project
- 4. Discuss Proposed FY 2024 Capital and Operating and Maintenance Budgets
- 5. Attendance at Authority May 25, 2023 meeting @ 12:30 pm Mr. Jaser
- 6. New Business
- 7. Adjourn

Note: As a reminder, the next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (regular meeting).

**Members of the public may attend the meeting via remote access using instructions at the top of the agenda. To view meeting documents, please visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/8rmtann3</u>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com

SAFETY MOMENT

MAY IS NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH!!!!

With the promise of summer comes more time spent near and in the water. Below are some tips from the American Red Cross to keep your family safe:

- Ensure members of your family learn to swim
- Use barriers to prevent access to water by young children
- Use life jackets
- Supervise children while swimming
- Know what to do when someone is struggling in the water

By working together to improve water competency including swimming skills, water smarts and helping others, water activities can be safer and just as much

fun. Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety



NATIONAL MONTH

Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority . It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.

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Representative Policy Board Finance Committee South Central Connecticut Regional Water District Via Remote Access

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, April 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tim Slocum, Tom Clifford, Charles Havrda, J. Jaser, V. Marino and Michelle Verderame

RPB Member: Mario Ricozzi and Jamie Mowat Young

FMA Member: Suzanne Sack

Management: Larry Bingaman, Rochelle Kowalski, and Jim Hill

OCA: Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Slocum called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Havrda, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its March 13, 2023 meeting, as presented.

Committee members discussed the completeness, mode and date of public hearing for the Authority's Application for the approval of the purchase of a Confidential Plumbing Company ("Application"). Atty. Donofrio, OCA, reported that he completed his review of the Application and accompanying documents and under the RPB Rules of Practice, Section 24, the Application met all of the requirements. Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following resolution for recommendation to the Representative Policy Board:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on March 30, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval to purchase the Assets of a Confidential Plumbing Company (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of May 25,

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2023 at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the resolutions.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the quarterly financial reports for the 3rd quarter of FY 2023, which included:

- Balance Sheet
- Revenues, expenses, and changes in net position
- Operating and maintenance expenses, key variances, and sensitivities
- FY 2023 capital expenditures and projections
- Interest earning highlights & cash basis results

Ms. Kowalski reviewed the RPB Dashboard Metrics for the third quarter of FY 2023.

Ms. Kowalski stated that the contract with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) would expire after the RWA's FY 2023 audit. The contract was originally a five-year commitment between the RWA and Blum Shapiro, which became CLA three years ago. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee that management proceed with soliciting a proposal from CLA to extend its current contract and submit a future methodology that would propose a new perspective and proposed changes to improve value.

The Committee discussed future meeting logistics. It was the consensus of the committee to continue with remote meetings.

Chair Slocum stated that the special meetings to review the FY 2024 budget with management would be held on:

- Finance Committee/Consumer Affairs joint meeting Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. -(Hybrid)
- Land Use Committee regular meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. (In Person)

Chair Slocum reviewed the meeting attendance for the April 27, 2023 and May 25, 2023 Authority meetings.

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There was no new business to report.

At 6:07 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Timothy Slocum, Chairman

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Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Joint Meeting

The regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee and the special meeting of the Finance Committee (collectively the "Committee") of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District ("RPB") took place on Monday, April 17, 2023, via remote access. Chairs Mongillo and Slocum presided.

Committee members present: S. Mongillo, N. Campbell, A. Rescigno, R. Smith, T. Slocum, T. Clifford, C. Havrda, J. Jaser, V. Marino, and M. Verderame

Committee members absent: M. Levine and F. Pepe

RPB: M. Ricozzi, B. Eitzer, M. Horbal, and J. Oslander

Authority: D. Borowy and K. Curseaden

RWA: L. Bingaman, R. Kowalski, E. Calo, D. Donovan, J. Hill, S. Lakshminarayanan, and P. Singh

Office of Consumer Affairs: Attorney Donofrio ("OCA")

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

Chair Mongillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Chair Mongillo stated that it would be appropriate to move into executive session to review the FY 2024 proposed budget with management. At 5:02 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1- 200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210 subsection b #'s 5 B, pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Committee members, Messrs. Ricozzi, Eitzer, Horbal, Oslander, Borowy, Curseaden, Bingaman, Donovan, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, and Singh, and Atty. Donofrio, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, and Slubowski.

At 5:05 p.m. Messrs. Curseaden, Marino and Smith entered the meeting.

At 6:45 p.m., the Committee came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of, executive session.

On motion made by Mr. Jaser, and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its March 20, 2023 meeting, as presented.

Attorney Donofrio reported that he submitted his first set of interrogatories related to the Authority's Application to acquire Target One. He also stated that he has been reviewing the proposed FY 2024 capital and operating budgets and will prepare his comments when all committees have had the opportunity to review the budgets with management. Atty. Donofrio reported no pending consumer complaints or escalations at this time.

Representative Policy BoardUNAPPROVEDConsumer Affairs Committee/Finance CommitteeApril 17, 2023On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Mr. Jaser, the Committee approved the OCA's March 2023billing for \$2,005.00.

There was no new business to report.

The next regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee is Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Ricozzi stated that the next budget meeting would be on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., in person only at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven.

At 6:48 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the committee meeting adjourned.

Stephen Mongillo, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee

Tim Slocum, Chair, Finance Committee

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

Proposed Resolutions

May 8, 2023

(Finance Committee's recommendation to RPB re Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project)

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on April 28, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of June 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on June 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.