

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of November 17, 2022 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, November 17, 2022, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Bethany
Branford
Cheshire
East Haven
Guilford
Hamden
Killingworth
Madison
Milford
New Haven
North Branford
North Haven
Orange
Prospect
Seymour
West Haven
Woodbridge

Thomas P. Clifford III
Peter Betkoski
Brian Eitzer
Mario Ricozzi
Timothy Slocum
Michelle Verderame
Charles Havrda
Stephen Mongillo
Jamie Mowat Young
Joseph A. Oslander
Richard Smith
Naomi Campbell
Peter DeSantis
Anthony P. Rescigno
Jasper J. Jaser
Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Mike Horbal
T. Gregory Malloy
Mark Levine

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Anthony DiSalvo
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo
Dennis Donovan
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Esq.

Absent

Derby
Governor’s Rep

Frank Pepe
Vincent M. Marino

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Ricozzi offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Mr. Jaser, the RPB approved the minutes of its October 27, 2022 meeting as distributed, with 96 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)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Absent	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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Ricozzi stated that the RWA Code of Ethics requires members to file a Conflict of Interest/Profit/Gift/Food Disclosure Report for the period ended November 30, 2022. Forms should be completed and returned to the board office by December 7, 2022.

He also stated that an RWA email address has been created for the public to provide information to the boards. The email address is Boards@rwater.com.

On motion made by Mr. Eitzer, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the proposed 2023 calendar year meeting dates, as presented, with 96 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)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Absent	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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Reports:

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the week and received presentations from management, held in executive session, on the Lead & Copper Regulation Revisions and Ten Year Model. The committee also adopted its 2023 calendar of regular meeting dates.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the committee met and reviewed the safety moment and approved the minutes of its October meeting. The special topic was removed from the agenda due to procedural matters. The committee also received land updates from management and were asked to submit topics of interest to management for discussion at future meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 21, 2022 to review the Lead & Copper Regulation Revisions and the Ten Year Model. All RPB members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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

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In Mr. Curseaden's absence, Mr. Borowy reported on the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with management to discuss the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Stream Flow Regulations, the RWA's Safe Reservoir Yield Model, and to receive a Legislative Session update.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee reported that the committee met earlier in the day to receive an update on the RWA's business process improvements.

Ms. Calo, the RWA's Sr. Director of Employee Relations & HR Operations, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA. She reported that there were 5 new cases among RWA employees for a total of 124 since the start of the pandemic. Discussion ensued regarding return to work requirements, tracing, and remote working conditions.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended October 31, 2022 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 121%, with no shortfall due to higher interest and increased water revenue, lower than expected payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and debt service expense.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of November 14, 2022, were 71%, compared to the long-term average of 66%.

At 7:13 p.m., Ms. Young entered the meeting.

Chair Ricoszi acknowledged Atty. Donofrio who stated the importance of attending the Lead & Copper Rule Regulation Revisions presentation at the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on Monday, November 21st. He noted the importance of becoming educated on the subject in preparation of expected outreach that may be required of members.

Chair Ricoszi wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

At 7:17 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary