

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Consumer Affairs Committee

Minutes of the January 23, 2023 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RPB”) took place on Monday, January 23, 2023, via remote access.

Committee members present: S. Mongillo, N. Campbell, M. Levine, and A. Rescigno

Committee members absent: F. Pepe and R. Smith

RPB: R. Harvey, M. Horbal, J. Oslander, and J. Young

Authority: S. Sack

RWA: R. Kowalski, D. Bochan, D. Donovan, J. Hill, P. Ruggiero, S. Lakshminarayanan, and P. Singh

Office of Consumer Affairs: Attorney Donofrio (“OCA”)

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

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

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its December 19, 2022 meeting, as presented.

At 5:39 p.m., upon 2/3 vote, the committee moved into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(C) to receive a briefing and discuss security strategies and implementation. Present in executive session were Committee members, Messrs. Donofrio, Harvey, Horbal, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Oslander, Ruggiero, and Singh, and Mss. Bochan, Campbell, Kowalski, Sack, Slubowski and Young. 3-1-0.

At 6:05 p.m., the Committee came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of, executive session.

Mr. Singh reviewed proposed changes to RWA’s Rules and Regulations for Water Service and Rules, Regulations and Rates Governing the Extension of Water Mains (“Rules and Regulations”), which was last revised in 2021. He reported that changes were minor and presented to the Committee for purposes of awareness and transparency. Updates to the Rules and Regulations will correspond with the Rate Application. If the Application is approved, the Rules and Regulations updates will correspond with the potential effective date of the proposed Rate Application. Updates and changes to the RWA Rules and Regulations were reviewed by the Consumer Affairs Committee and approved for recommendation to the RPB.

Attorney Donofrio reported that the OCA is currently under budget for FY 2023, but in anticipation of upcoming projects for the next fiscal year, he is proposing the same budget for FY 2024. After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Mongillo, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to approve the OCA’s FY 2024 proposed budget.

Attorney Donofrio stated that he would like to discuss the OCA's rate, which has been changed once in his 15 years of service. After discussion, it was determined that a review of the OCA's rate be added to the Committee agenda in February.

He also reported that he and members of the RWA were invited to attend the March 1, 2023 meeting of the New Haven Environmental Advisory Council, to discuss the Raftelis rate structure information, previously provided.

Attorney Donofrio reported on the status of an ongoing billing issue and is waiting for a response from the customer.

On motion made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the OCA's December 2022 billing for \$1,252.50.

Chair Mongillo reported on the RPB Executive Committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee met to discuss logistics of future meetings. Committee members discussed remote and hybrid meetings and the status of COVID. The topic will be continued at the committee's February meeting.

He also reported on the 23rd Annual Lake Whitney Management Plan scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023. The meeting is being held in person at the Whitney Water Center for anyone interested in attending.

The next regular meeting is on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:27 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the committee meeting adjourned.

Stephen Mongillo, Chairman