

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

January 22, 2024

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Monday, January 22, 2024, via remote access. Chair Levine presided.

Members present: M. Levine, N. Campbell, S. Mongillo, A. Rescigno, and R. Smith

Members absent: F. Pepe

RPB: R. Harvey and C. Havrda

Authority: C. LaMarr

RWA: R. Kowalski, P. Singh, J. Hill and D. Bochan

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

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

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

Chair Levine 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. Mongillo, and seconded by Mr. Rescigno, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of its December 18, 2023 meeting, as presented.

At 5:31 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Mongillo, and seconded by Mr. Rescigno the Committee voted to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss Accounts Receivable, covered under Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were the Committee members, Messrs. Harvey, Havrda, Singh, Hill, Atty. Donofrio, and Mss. Kowalski, Bochan and Slubowski.

At 6:06 p.m., the Committee came out of executive session. No voting occurred during or after the executive session.

On motion made by Mr. Mongillo, and seconded by Mr. Rescigno, the Committee voted to approve the OCA’s FY 2025 proposed budget.

Attorney Donofrio reported on two pending consumer issues currently managed by the RWA. The first concerns a customer in Ansonia who is challenging irregular consumption charges during 2023.

The second is a claim filed by a customer, also located in Ansonia, whose property was damaged by a contractor working for the Authority. Atty. Donofrio is working with the Authority to determine whether the utility was properly marked prior to the incident, which would determine responsibility.

Neither complaint has been escalated to the Office of Consumer Affairs at this time.

He also reported that he attended the RPB Executive Committee meeting last week to discuss RWA's commercial business strategy. He stated that the discussion was held in executive session so he was unable to provide details, but that the meeting was productive and helpful.

Discussion took place regarding guidelines for executive session discussions in accordance with Freedom of Information regulations.

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Committee voted to approve the OCA's December 2023 billing for \$1,941.00.

Chair Levine asked members for suggestions for special topics at future Committee meetings. Members commented about the recreation program at Eli Whitney, invasive species update, and other uses for the Mill River.

The next regular meeting is on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:25 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rescigno, and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Mark Levine, Chairman