

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Minutes of the October 24, 2024 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Borowy presided.

Present: Authority Members Present – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, Ricozzi, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Calo(R), and Messrs. Bingaman(R), Hill(R), Lakshminarayanan, and Singh
RPB – Ms. Young(R)
Public Member – Mr. Baryla
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

A. CALL TO ORDER AND SAFETY MOMENT

Chair Borowy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He reviewed the safety moment distributed to members.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Borowy opened the floor for public comment during the meeting. Mr. Baryla, the Trail Manager of the Seymour Conservation Commission, was in attendance and expressed his support for the application regarding the proposed disposition of 56 Squantuck Road in Seymour. Chair Borowy indicated that pending approval, the application would be forwarded to the Representative Policy Board and outlined the process leading to the public hearing.

C. MEET AS PENSION & BENEFIT COMMITTEE

At 12:34 p.m., on motion made Mr. Ricozzi and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Authority voted unanimously to recess the meeting to meet as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 12:38 p.m., Mr. Curseaden entered the meeting.

At 1:50 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

D. ACT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETING

No action was taken by the Authority arising from the Pension & Benefit Committee meeting.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ricozzi commented on the Capital Budget Transfers; specifically, the Prospect Dam improvements, and stated that he would like the board to receive more information in the future about projects with increased costs and the RWA should explore strategies to prevent escalations for future projects.

After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Ricozzi and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive as appropriate the following items in the Consent Agenda:

E.1 Minutes of the September 26, 2024 meeting.

E.2 Approved the Capital Budget Authorization for November 2024.

RESOLVED, that the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the month of November 2024 for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn pursuant to such requisition is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for fiscal year 2025 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded. In the absence of the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, the Controller is authorized to sign in her place.

E.3 Capital Budget Transfer Notifications for November 2024.

E.4 Received Monthly Financial Report for the period ended September 30, 2024.

E.5 Received the Accounts Receivable update for the period ended September 30, 2024.

E.6 Revisions to RWA Rules and Regulations.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

F. REPORTS ON RPB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Authority members reported on RPB committee meetings.

[BREAK FROM 2:05 P.M. TO 2:15 P.M.]

G. BUSINESS UPDATES

G.1 Mr. Singh, the RWA's Chief Information Digital Officer & Vice President of Customer Care, provided a Customer Information System (CIS) Update, reported that the CIS project is on track and the budget is being closely monitored.

G.2 Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President & Chief Executive Officer, reported on his recent board report, which included the cyber-attack on American Water, with limited public information being disclosed. Fortunately, the incident did not affect operations.

Mr. Singh, the RWA's Chief Information Digital Officer & Vice President of Customer Care, mentioned that a tabletop exercise in 2025 is being organized to simulate cyber-attack scenarios on the RWA's portal, involving RWA personnel, external partners, the Department of Homeland Security, and the FBI.

Additionally, as a follow up to a question he received last month, Mr. Bingaman reported on black pipe related to PipeSafe failures. The material, which was used in the 1970s and 1980s, was sometimes installed on bare ground, leading to leaks as a result of movement due to heavy precipitation events. The pipe was discontinued in the nineties.

At 2:34 p.m., Ms. Young withdrew from the meeting and Mr. Triana entered the meeting.

H. DISPOSITION APPLICATION (CONTINUATION) – 56 SQUANTUCK ROAD, SEYMOUR

Mr. Ricozzi moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Authority hereby accepts the Application for Disposition for 4.9832 acres located at 56 Squantuck Rd. in Seymour that is Land Unit SE 5, as a completed Application, substantially in the form submitted to this meeting, and authorizes filing said Application with the Representative Policy Board; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, if approved by the Representative Policy Board, the President and CEO, and the Vice President Engineering and Environmental Services, are authorized to take any and all actions necessary to complete the transfer interest in real estate.

Mr. Ricozzi stated that information related to open space was not noted in the agreement with the town and asked for further information.

Mr. Triana, the RWA’s Real Estate Manager, stated that the determination regarding the land's use will be clarified in the purchase and sale agreement and the deed. Initial discussions with town officials indicated that the land will likely be designated as open space, as the town already owns the surrounding areas. During inquiries with Seymour staff, it was emphasized that the designation affects the application process; if classified as open space, only a preliminary assessment is required, whereas development would necessitate a more thorough evaluation. It was suggested the land would be designated for open space, thus aligning the application process accordingly. The intention is to include specific language in the purchase agreement to confirm this designation.

Mr. Triana stated that the property is designated as non-water system land and would not be useful for improvements and therefore could be sold. Any future development by the new owner would not have an effect on the water supply.

After discussion, Ms. LaMarr seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 2:40 p.m., Mr. Triana withdrew from the meeting.

I. BLUE DROP ACQUISITION UPDATE AND ITEM J. FINANCE

At 2:40 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Authority voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, and Singh, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 4:46 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. It was the consensus of the Authority to delay voting on resolutions to authorize term sheets associated with Blue Drop for reasons discussed in executive session. On motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.

UNAPPROVED