

SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

David:

It is 12:30, so I will call the Regional Water Authority's June 27th, 2024 meeting to order. Note, we have a 100% attendance. Also note that our president is at the legislature as we are all aware, and we will talk about that later. There is a special session of the legislature. Our bill passed the portion of the total bill, that was 50 pages of ours, was passed 20 to 9 in the Senate late yesterday around, I don't know, 3:30 or whatever time he called me, that it just passed.

So, today the house gavelled in around 11:30. If they were on time, who knows? And they're going to be asked to act on the same thing. And since the Senate gavelled themselves out, it's unlikely there'd be amendments or things like that. So we'll get an update probably during the meeting, but he will hopefully phone in and let us know. But in the meantime, Rochelle's got most of the items anyways, year-end stuff and a lot of importantly. And premise here as well, and others are on as we need them. So with that, we'll note the safety moment is in our packet. And yard cleanup tips, very nice to do, and keep up appearances and all that. So move on to public comment. Jennifer, is anybody from the public present?

Jennifer:

No. There are no members of the public present.

David:

Okay, so then I'll ask for us to recess the Authority and meet as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mario:

So moved.

Kevin

Second.

David:

Okay, moved and second. All those in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Passes unanimous. All yours Suzanne.

[STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS FROM 12:31 P.M. TO 1:53 P.M.]

David:

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Thank you very much. Thank you. Good committee. Good work there. And let's keep moving swiftly here. We'll do consent calendar.

Suzanne:

Make a motion consent agenda.

David:

Is there a second?

Mario:

Second.

Are there any points of clarification? Sensing you are ready to vote, all those in favor say aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Passes unanimously. I would just note item seven will probably be talked in more detail. The customer satisfaction with the Consumer Affairs Committee as it usually is of the RPB. So that may be a meeting that we may want to attend. If you want to little more detail verbally, of course we'll get we have the report. All right. Finance is important to get done today as well because it is year-end information. So we'll go right to Rochelle for that.

Rochelle:

If you start with the balance sheet, so similar to other years, there are still some things that we're working through and certain information that we don't have. So we do consider this preliminary even though in most areas we don't expect it to change significantly.

A couple things to point out at the upper left, our property plant and equipment is a pretty considerably year over year and we did have some large projects going to service such as the West River improvement project, the derby tank, the accumulated depreciation. That will be something that we will be updating, although it won't necessarily change significantly.

The land might also change a little bit. We did have an acquisition that we're just working on. Finalizing the recording can get closed on 5 31 and construction work in progress. There might still be some minor changes in that that is still on the high side, although it's down from last year.

And that does have to do with some of our relative large capital programs that are the year. That includes the CIS. It would include the Whitney Dam and some of the other projects. Goodwill we do now amortize every year. So that just reflects the amortization there from a current asset over all the current assets are up by 24.7.

A key point I want to make, we'll be talking about the year-end disposition later on. So the fiscal 2024 cash and cash equivalence does not yet reflect the proposed year disposition because it hasn't yet been approved. Once it is approved, assuming that it is approved as proposed, the year over year change will probably be about three and a half million to the positive.

Just scrolling down, so the least receivable you might recall was the new accounting methodology and GSV that we have to follow based on conversations with the auditors. Were updated some years and we're going through the process at this point. We have sent them all the information and we have again engaged them to actually, although we're responsible, but working with them to do some of the detail on any updates and we provided them all the updates, restricted assets.

This is another area that is going to change after the year-end disposition. A couple key things though that I want to mention here is right now the construction fund is down a bit. That of course will change after the yearend disposition. We did have increases, for example, and our debt reserve fund based on the financing above the DWSRF financing and the 37 series financing on a year over year basis.

The deferred charge on refunding, that's ongoing amortization as well as the impact of the 37b. You might recall, we actually did do a refunding on May 3rd and the pension and OPEC plans. So at this point, this does reflect the 5-31-23 actuarial reports and the associated amortization.

They will definitely be updated when we close out the fiscal year when we get those reports going up to the next page. So revenue bonds payable are down year over year and that does not include the current portion, but even with that, they are down year over year and of course we'll be making a August 1st payment.

You see up at the top part here though, the primary driver of that increase in the DWSRF loans payable is we closed on our West River DWSRF financing and that was probably the largest single loan yet that we've done. And we did get a grant with that. We got a \$1.5 million grant and of course it was also at 2%. Moving down the rate side, you can see just some changes in the current portions.

Let's see, other key things to point out here. Overall, the total liabilities are actually up by just under 9 million. Again, another key point, if you don't mind, Jennifer, just go back up the pension and the OEP liability. You'll see that that's the same year over year. And again, that will be totally updated when we get our new actuarial reports. Good news is the market value is definitely higher than it was last year at this time.

Let's see, and overall, I would say without getting into all the details, that the net position is actually up 34.9 million. There's no question. So I can go on to the next page. Actually, why don't you, Jennifer, go all the way to the this page. So just a couple key things that I want to point out here. You can see that meter water revenues from a financial reporting perspective, they're definitely up from what you saw of the year.

So only a very, very small variance. And total operating revenues is over by about 1.2 million and that's just about 1%. So really quite close to the budget. You can see other proprietary, again, that's on the revenue side, PipeSafe, well in that area. Other water also did well.

Jobbing was up. Some of our miscellaneous charges were up. And this is reflective of total gross revenue from an O&M perspective. We are under the budget by about 1.7%. And again, that's about only a 1.5% variance. So this year we did have various areas that were under. We also had some that were over. We'll definitely have to watch those as we enter fiscal 2025, but actually running pretty close to budget. The interest income is well over and that really has to do with the interest rate environment versus what we anticipated. That's the primary driver there.

The interest expense, we had some improvements. Again, this is impacted by the timing of DWSRF and some of the other more minor changes and the interest expense on our bonds. You see intergovernmental revenue is 1.9 million and that represents the most recent 1.5 million grant and about a four or five, \$400,000 ish grant that we got earlier that was associated with our RTU project.

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Suzanne:

Can I ask you a quick question, Rochelle? I'm going back up to operating expenses, the uncollectible accounts. So that jumped significantly in your budget from year to year and we still were over, right?

Rochelle:

I know we're actually, if you're talking about the provision for uncollectible?

Suzanne:

Yes.

Rochelle:

So the provision for uncollectible, we were budgeting 600,000. We actually have a credit, and this is primarily because of a couple things-

Suzanne:

Including net credit overall?

Rochelle:

Yes, it's actually a net credit and it's actually because we were able to lower our reserve based on our lowering over our aged AR. I will say there was also some cleanup activity and other things, but this is actually a positive thing.

Prem:

I think one of the things that the team will be very closely working on before the system as we go live, we have been carrying a lot of baggage from the past signal put in place. We brought a lot of content data, we call it. So now we're trying to look at clean some of the stuff we be doing fabulously well on collecting money. So I think it's actually helping us to [inaudible 01:34:31]. We absolutely have to make sure that we go the new system. The new system has best practice where you cannot have copy data. It's [inaudible 01:34:40]. So I think it's almost like we are making sure that we are, so it's actually positive.

Suzanne:

Yes. So thank you.

Rochelle:

So this is our maintenance test projection. This could change slightly if I would say it's probably more likely it might go up just a tad than go down, but you could see some of the things that I talked about earlier with interest income. That's really a result of the interest rate environment.

So hopefully that will stay strong. Water sales, we had strong, we had very strong cash collections in May on recent month billing. We also had that in April and May billing was also up, so that was really positive at the end of the year. You can also see the other net.

We were already projecting that we would exceed, but we did even a little bit better operating expense. This was pretty close to our last bottoms of projection, but it is a little bit better. And then I mentioned about the debt service, payments, timing and some other things. So at this point we're projecting 133%.

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Suzanne:

That's very exciting.

Rochelle:

Here's just some of the details relative to, and I'm just talked about a couple of the large variances. So payroll has actually been under headcount. At least for most of the year, we're now closer, although just a little bit under employee benefits. That does include a provision for the global metric, because we met the key metrics there. So we do record that. Medical has also stayed higher than budget, and the pension, you might recall that we did get your approval for an additional pension contribution.

You see some various other variances. Just a couple that I want to mention we'll keep our eye on. Utility and fuel is primarily driven by electric service. We'll be watching that carefully at Fiscal '25 to make sure that was budgeted appropriately. Chemicals is also another area that we're going to want to watch. Collection expense, we are seeing, we did adjust our budget in Fiscal '25. We're not seeing the increase that we had actually expected and our backing fees and some of our other collections related expenses.

Outside services, although you can see that it is under, we will be watching that carefully as well. That has, as we talked about in the past, some of our CIS back fills are in there and some other aspects are in there. Insurance premiums, this isn't really that surprising, we talked about it at budget time. That we got some increases, that the umbrella policy was one, so in the latter part of the year that we have to absorb that.

Mario:

Changed has doubled the postage and still came in. That's good.

Rochelle:

The postage is also impacted by monthly billing...

Mario:

Yes.

Rochelle:

... and getting a better understanding of what that impact is and on e-Billing and other things. So, a couple of things I just want to mention here on maintenance and repair, and this was maybe touched upon a little bit. One of the key reasons that it's under is Jim talked about earlier about the flushing and coming across like valves and we've actually done more replacement than repair so that's actually a key driver there.

Any questions? You can go to the next page. So this is how we ended the year from a capital perspective. I'm just going to highlight a couple of key things. So overall, we actually exceeded our 96%. As I mentioned, that was really a very much a cross-functional effort to do that and I'm just going to highlight a few of the projects that were really key contributors to that.

So first under natural resources, the breach refurbishment was one of the programs that we accelerated the work into Fiscal '24 because by that time we used some other projects, because a supply chain and other issues were having challenges. So work was done to accelerate that work. Another project also where the work was accelerated was the Lake Whitney Ozone in DAF controls. So that's in the treatment area. There was also additional work that was done on the Wellfield Rehabilitation Program. Within the

transmission and distribution, work was also done relative to [inaudible 01:40:43] projects. Mario, you're probably familiar with those.

So we were actually able to get additional work done before the end of the fiscal year. The valve replacements I just mentioned, so that was over expended. So even though OM was down on the capital side, it was actually a little bit over. If you scroll down a little bit more, actually go back up. It's in this category. Yes, it's this category. So the storage tank, DVP compliance, this was one of the areas that we were under. We were actually working to get the equipment in by the end of the year, but it was very touch-and-go and then by the time we got the invoice it was a little bit too late. So that's the key driver there.

So again, also in an effort to help ensure that we met the target and to really not do things that we don't need to do, but to accelerate work, we actually did bring in some additional vehicle purchases from Fiscal '25 to the very end of Fiscal '24, and primarily because of some timing with invoices and such. The CIS project actually went a bit over its reduced budget for Fiscal 2024. So those were really the key drivers. Again, very much a team effort to get us over the goal line. Go to the next page. This is our schedule that shows what we budgeted as far as returns and what the returns were as of the end of May. At this point I believe the stiff where a lot of these monies are is right around where it was as of May.

A couple of things that we've also mentioned previously, but just to share again with a construction fund now, we're only moving the money out of the fund when it's needed. So it's able to earn all the interest until it's really needed to pay the checks that are being issued. Go to the next page. So here you can see that this is from a cash perspective and this is primarily interest rate-driven, although with our revenue fund, the balances in the revenue fund were also higher than what we had originally anticipated. And although the construction fund and the growth fund doesn't count towards the maintenance test, it does for the construction fund. That money is available to use for our capital program and for the growth fund it's also available to news for our growth initiatives there. There are any questions?

David:

That's almost 10% of the capital budget for the year. That's great.

Rochelle:

I think it's actually the year-end disposition.

David:

Any questions on the financials before we get to the year? Okay, good. The year-end disposition, which you're ready to do anyway so that's good.

Rochelle:

Probably just go here. So our overall available for disposition was just under 26 million. It is actually the second-highest year and it's also the second-highest movement or transfer into the growth fund. So we do have our operating reserve that's a requirement, so we have to put 1/6th of our OM budget in. So because it's required, that's the first thing that gets funded. From the growth fund, we are proposing to put 3 million into the growth fund and we are taking into consideration for both the growth fund and for the general fund what we're going to be [inaudible 01:45:43], factoring in what we're going to be using when we close on target three. If you go to the next page. Actually probably the very last page.

David:

Those will be the resolutions for [inaudible 01:46:03]

Rochelle:

So here I just want to share, we're also proposing to put money into the general fund, and again, the thought process here is based on what we're now anticipating to be using for target one and also with what we're also going to be talking about later today, we're recommending that we keep our general fund higher than the target in case we need to use some IES from that, that we don't want to flow through the maintenance test and impact our coverage.

Another key thing that I want to mention here, you could see that our construction fund, which does not really reflect interest that we're earning on it, this is the internal generated funds portion. I just want to reiterate that we won't be using primarily other than small amounts of DWSRF financing, we're going to be using internally generated funds until we do our next rate case. So that number will go down, but on a positive perspective, we'll still have internally generated funds available to offset the next rate increase. Any questions on this?

Mario:

One question? You said this was the second-biggest year. What was the first?

Rochelle:

Fiscal last year from an overall perspective was the highest overall, and the prior year was the highest overall going into the construction fund. Fiscal '22 was the highest last year, just our distribution. It was still a very high but our distribution is a little bit different.

Mario:

And then on the growth front, you just mentioned that a good amount of that is going to be used between now and the next rate case? Is that what you just said?

Rochelle:

No, the construction fund.

Mario:

[inaudible 01:48:06] construction fund?

Rochelle:

A good part of that 21,465 that we're putting in, now we're going to be utilizing that pay for our capital.

Mario:

Okay, great. I just wanted to make sure I understood that. This is impressive.

Rochelle:

We do have a resolution.

David:

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So we've had the explanation of where management has recommended the 25 million go. What is your pleasure with regard to the motions that are here to make that happen?

Catherine:

Individually or... ?

David:

I think as a group, they're presented as a group and dependent on one another. If that's all right with you, folks.

Rochelle:

It's all right with me.

David:

Okay. Is that a motion?

Catherine:

Yes. I move the approval of all three. Three right to all three resolutions before the year-end disposition.

David:

Is there a second?

Mario:

Second.

David:

Oh sorry, I didn't hear. All right. I have to say, I think with management coming up with this much money and still spending properly, still not [inaudible 01:49:39] the operating budgets that we're short-changing, the system's in good shape, it's solid. They're spending the money that we're giving them and saying, "You need to spend this money," and they are spending it. It's not 10% surplus is because they're underspending. So the system is kept in good shape. It is commendable. I think management has done a good job. Too bad Larry's not here to say it, but I know he chokes up, "Thank you [inaudible 01:50:03] thank you so much." Any other discussion? [inaudible 01:50:07] you're ready to vote? All those in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Passing is unanimous. All right, so item three is proposed revisions to the Fiscal Year 25 Capital Budget Projects and Release of Reserves.

Rochelle:

So our approach this year was very similar to what we did last year. We looked at where we actually ended the year. We looked at what needs that we might have that we might not even have known about at the time that we did the budget. And we are proposing here that we move the entire amount of the project reserve from Fiscal '24 into Fiscal '25. That's the 9,478,541 referenced in the letter. What we did though, is we broke out sort of into the different areas how we're distributing it. If you scroll down a little bit, Jennifer, what each area is. So Slate School would be an example. Even a few months ago we didn't realize that we would have that need and that's a key thing that we definitely need to do. So projects and programs that need additional funding projects that were identified basically after the end of the budgeting process.

And if you just scroll down a little bit more, sort of what I would consider the more traditional carryover projects. Go back up, Jennifer, is that last group. So we bucketize them for you. This was something definitely Sunny and myself were done together to determine this allocation, as well as working with all the project managers. And then the next piece at the very bottom is we are distributing the reserve that was in the Fiscal '25 budget. And a key thing like for example with CIS, you see that in a couple of places, we wanted to make sure that we're hopefully funding the amount that's required for that.

Suzanne:

So Rochelle [inaudible 01:52:43], I'm not sure I completely understand this. Can I tell you what I think you're saying is that you have reserves on projects that we planned to be done this year... In some cases you have projects that came up that you did not plan for this year, and we had projects that were more expensive than we thought they were going to be this year. And in all cases, we're trying to offset those increased costs in next year's budget or move money into next year's budget.

Rochelle:

[inaudible 01:53:11] So in June of each year, we've traditionally always done what was called the carryover, which is actually an adjustment to the next year's budget that is get filed with our trustee.

Suzanne:

You're [inaudible 01:53:26] the capital budget though, right?

Rochelle:

The capital budget. The change really in the last two, for last year and for this year, instead of just looking at, okay, here's a carryover or project for whatever reason, didn't spend all its money, but it will need it in Fiscal '25 because of especially supply chain and external factors, we've developed with a support of the board, this concept of our project reserve. Probably the nuance here is in certain cases when Sunny and I re-looked it what we really think about those projects and what their timing is, whether it be supply chain permitting, whatever external factor happened, we're not necessarily reallocating that exactly the way it was put into the project reserve.

But we're also being very careful because we actually don't want to repeat what we went through in May of this year to achieve the budget. So a lot of different concepts were factored into our Fiscal '25 budget, but also as it relates to the reserve and what we carry over, you don't want to carry over more than what we need either. And so, we're just proposing that everything that was put into that project reserve, we are requesting it be moved officially into Fiscal '25. But we are also distributing it in a way that reflects our current requirements and not necessarily for transparency the way that we had originally put it into the reserve.

Suzanne:

Thank you for explaining that, I appreciate that.

David:

Questions regarding this? What's your pleasure with the proposed resolution?

Kevin:

So moved.

Catherine:

Second.

David:

All right, presented. Thank you. Thank you, vote. Are you all right with voting on it?

David:

Okay, we're ready to vote? All right, all those in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Thank you. All right. So then, the last item within finance is the rate application proposed schedule, which means next month we'll be presented with a rate application, the expectation to vote on it. There is a special meeting if we don't want to vote the same night as something that I've started fairly recently with these, in case you don't want to vote that day, want to vote the next day would be the special meeting to keep the schedule going.

Rochelle:

The only thing I want to just mention about the schedule, and it has to do with the implementation, we will be monitoring very closely like where we are with CIS. And making some decisions about where we're going to do the rate increase. Is it going to end up being SAP? Will it be at UMAX? And possibly we'll look at gross and content timing. So I just want to mention that. So that is a nuance this year with the schedule.

David:

Isn't it nice to have the financial flexibility to be able to do that?

Rochelle:

That's true.

David:

That's great. So Charles, you hear that? It may be next month, but it may not be. It may be a little delayed.

Mario:

No different. But the whole process of starting the rate.

David:

The rate case, Yes. If they need to, but we have the cash to be able to delay it a little bit from the traditional 18th month period.

Rochelle:

Yes, our plan would be to submit, but-

David:

If the CIS system, they don't want put the rate case in the old CIS system and then have to transfer it over, it would be easier to do it in the new system once it sets up. So if it's going to be close, that's the expectation.

David:

We're going to be in the pros and cons and maybe you've made a decision based on the energy that, so Yes.

Suzanne:

Why don't you want to [inaudible 02:00:19]?

David:

Don't ask me that. When you're preparing how the transfer went, right?

Prem:

Yesh, if we can. We were told we can't have two rates, which we do. Like when we implement, we have proration that happens so we can't migrate while that's going on.

David:

Right. Now also you've got a good plan the last minute to make all that happen. It's almost like you're talking about a sub product, a big project. So you've got to really look at how that's going to come together from a perspective.

Prem:

Yes. And you also have the issue of banking change mid-fiscal year versus at the beginning of the fiscal year, right? [inaudible 02:01:00].

Rochelle:

This is planned for a very early January.

Suzanne:

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January implementation as opposed to... So it's almost cleaner to just do everything as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

Rochelle:

We'd have to look at, we would have the internally generated funds and what it would do for the case.

David:

So you'll present as options and let us know next month. So just, we shouldn't be surprised if there's not a rate case, but rather an explanation as to why you'd prefer not to do it at that time. Just ask [inaudible 02:01:39] get it maybe before the 19th. I know that's your target last minute, but...

Mario:

And our CIS project is a \$14 million project?

Rochelle:

16 [inaudible 02:01:51].

Mario:

Okay. It just doesn't seem big enough to move [inaudible 02:01:56] case, but I will wait to hear what is said.

David:

The logistics of the IT stuff is what they're saying. And we have flexibility. [inaudible 02:02:07] borrow less quicker, so we pay less interest. So we don't start paying interest right away.

Mario:

[inaudible 02:02:12].

David:

To me too, absolutely. All right, anything else regarding that? All right, good. I'd like to move right now because we have almost 30 minutes before we're meeting with the person for item G3. So I'd like to move to do the Commercial Business right now.

Suzanne:

I'll make a motion to move up item H on the agenda to now.

Catherine:

Second.

David:

So, we will recess as the Authority and meet as the Commercial Business Committee?

Suzanne:

Correct.

David:

All right, all those in favor [inaudible 02:02:47] by saying, "Aye."

Authority members:

Aye.

[COMMERCIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETS FROM 2:33 P.M. TO 3:07 P.M.]

David:

We have adjourned the Commercial Business Committee and are reconvening as the Authority.

Suzanne:

Can I just make a comment to the chair that we always seem to rush through commercial business.

David:

Well we thought we had a better time at the end, but other things happened. All right, so I will move us to item six... Item G, which is business updates and move us right to item three of that because we could get the guest to join.

David:

Okay, sorry Charles. If it's going to be an application then we will need to ask you to leave.

Charles:

Always nice to see you.

David:

We don't have much else afterwards. Thank you very much for being here tonight. Good to see you. Thanks for all your help.

So we are now in a strategic initiative discussion and we need to move into executive session, inviting the members present and senior executive team.

Suzanne:

I'd like to make a motion to move into executive session pursuant to what is written on the agenda.

David:

Okay. I'd like that you stated that. Second?

Mario:

Yes.

David:

Yes. Okay. All those in favor signify by saying Aye?

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

It is unanimous. All right, Rochelle, it's all yours.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 3:09 P.M. TO 4:16 P.M.]

David:

I will declare us out of executive session. So for the CIS we just want to just keep it short and sweet. We still have the challenge on the three [inaudible 00:00:15]. One of the I mentioned, we have [inaudible 00:00:16] for December goal line date.

Prem:

And again, we're marching towards making it, but once [inaudible 00:00:22] in March, we're [inaudible 00:00:24] case and all that. So keeping that in mind, there's still that three-week delay that we need to observe and [inaudible 00:00:29]. So we're still dealing with that. Fortunately, we've [inaudible 00:00:37] July, or next week is our vacation, so we have the challenge. The team is working really hard, putting 50 hours a week, so we are being really careful [inaudible 00:00:43]. Well, that [inaudible 00:00:46] monitor that. Next month, we'll have one of these speakers [inaudible 00:00:49] actually happy for. And based on that, we'll decide what's going to [inaudible 00:00:56] So-

David:

Is this still the choice of December or March? Because we've seen that it's not January or February, then.

Prem:

No, I think from a vendor perspective, [inaudible 00:01:05] they're ready. But our perspective that we have is that if we end up doing our rate change in January, for example, we won't see a full rate cycle, which means we need to see all the rates going into February, which means now [inaudible 00:01:20] So there are challenges from our perspective. A solution might be [inaudible 00:01:23] the good news is that you don't have to spend the money. The money part will be covered, but the schedule part we have to figure out what we have. So [inaudible 00:01:31] just want to make sure we [inaudible 00:01:32]

David:

All right. [inaudible 00:01:34] questions on that? [inaudible 00:01:37] of course.

Prem:

Yes, yes. [inaudible 00:01:38]

David:

All right, and then the RPB committee meetings, we were in June, first one was Finance. Mario, what was it, a two-minute meeting this time?

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Mario:

Actually, they purposely extended the meeting so that it took 15 minutes. It was financials, they did a nice job.

David:

[inaudible 00:02:14] on the reports on the projects, right?

Mario:

Yes.

David:

It's pretty simple, straightforward. Good. Land Use was next.

Catherine:

I attended the land use meeting. RWA has beautiful properties that are hard to find, and I think it's a security strategy. It was [inaudible 00:02:43] all the way out. So we were at Lake Glen, which is beautiful, it's in Woodridge. John Triana, as usual, gave a wonderful history of the area. Mark was handing out presents to people. I didn't get one. Just kidding.

The one thing I thought was rather interesting is that John worked on... Years ago, was a guardrail on the road that runs along the side of the lake reservoir, where apparently, this is very slippery road. It's a little windy and narrow, and the people died falling into our water. And since, they put in that guardrail, which is now maintained by the town, yay, and they've saved a lot of lives, so I thought that was actually worth mentioning.

There's about 50 million gallons in the lake. It's very interesting. It's actually pretty nice, and I think it's worth the drive. I [inaudible 00:03:57] over there sometime. John made his usual lengthy report of the land we need for the water we use, and it seems like we're still having problems with the rental, the one last rental [inaudible 00:04:15] all right. The skip house in Hampton, so they're looking at another way of severing the lot from the house. The... It's interesting that there are lots of drone... They're using the drone very efficiently and effectively for inspections and checking boundaries and going... Invasive species. I mean, the drone is really being very helpful. The new steam [inaudible 00:04:55] was received and there's training on that new equipment, so that also will probably help with the invasive species. And the most interesting thing I found in the [inaudible 00:05:11] articles is there's a really scary [inaudible 00:05:16] worm, crazy worm that is going through and making me not want to go outside anymore.

But it was a good meeting. Peter is not going to be at the charity [inaudible 00:05:30] but [inaudible 00:05:31] going to be next month. Yes, next month. So...

David:

Thank you. I'm trying to find the agenda for Consumer Affairs, because Kevin attended that meeting. Was there anything interesting?

Prem:

But very quick, Yes, I think there was a lot of discussion about [inaudible 00:05:52] the association situation that was discussed, and a lot of discussion [inaudible 00:06:04] 35 minutes just on this topic.

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[inaudible 00:06:08] had his [inaudible 00:06:09] discussed about it, and finally, so long story short, this [inaudible 00:06:16] association has a long outstanding bill because of big leak that they had, and then right now [inaudible 00:06:22] but then they used to have \$8,000 bill versus a \$7,000, it's supposed to be. But they finally fixed the leak. Again, they filed for bankruptcy, Chapter 11, so I think there's a whole discussion there. [inaudible 00:06:35] with Jeff's help, [inaudible 00:06:39] for five years. So the actually court proceeding is tomorrow, [inaudible 00:06:48] but I think [inaudible 00:06:50]

Catherine:

All of it? We're going to get it all?

Prem:

[inaudible 00:06:55] 30 days.

Prem:

Oh, so just about all, then. Okay.

Catherine:

Pretty good.

Prem:

Yes, that's very good.

Prem:

Yes, Jeff helped us and [inaudible 00:07:05] that was the biggest validation. We did have an RWAY/CIS update at that meeting, so we did go over that.

David:

Okay, thank you. All right, any other business [inaudible 00:07:20] that I skipped because we skipped around a little bit? Thank you for your [inaudible 00:07:24] what's that?

Jennifer:

Assignments for July meeting.

David:

July meeting?

Suzanne:

Yes, [inaudible 00:07:29] July.

David:

Well, they're not assigned yet?

Suzanne:

No.

David:

Okay. All right, finance on July 9th. Who's going to be here? That's a hybrid meeting, so who can attend that?

Catherine:

Oh, can I attend that.

David:

Okay, very good. So Land Use? Do we know where?

Jennifer:

At the prospect dam.

David:

We'll see if Kevin can make it. If you could remember to ask him if he would be involved in that. You couldn't also attend that one, if you wanted to?

Catherine:

Technically, I'm available. I do have an early morning meeting [inaudible 00:08:36]-

David:

You pass through a beautiful town to get to the Prospect reservoir.

Suzanne:

I'll text Kevin.

David:

August, Finance. Who wants a five-minute meeting and it's hybrid.

Suzanne:

I'm on the boat in August, so I'll double up in September if I have to.

David:

Did you say you can do it, Mario? Okay. Land use in August? Okay. Hopefully Kevin's doing the July one [inaudible 00:09:38] And Consumer Affairs in August? See if maybe-

Suzanne:

You want me to see if Kevin can do that?

David:

Kevin can do that one. That's... I could do that one too if I had to, but don't put me down yet. All right, and then September? [inaudible 00:09:59]

Catherine:

I could do the 9th.

David:

The 9th of September, you can do?

Catherine:

Yes.

Suzanne:

I could do the 11th.

David:

Okay. And how about the Consumer Affairs on the 16th?

Suzanne:

I could do the Consumer Affairs.

David:

Okay. Great. Okay. Anything else?

Jennifer:

No, I think that's it.

David:

Okay, because there were no items from committee meetings. Okay, very good. All right, well, then I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

Suzanne:

So moved.

Catherine:

Second.

David:

Second by all those in favor, signal aye by saying aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

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David:

It passes, surprisingly, unanimously.