

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Via Remote Access**

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- II Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2022 meeting
- III Communications
 - A. Report on Code of Ethics compliance for the period ended November 30, 2021
- IV Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. RPB Finance Committee's recommendation regarding Regional Water Authority Member Compensation beginning June 1, 2022
- V Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Authority/Management
- VI Adjourn

7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing – Application for approval of the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Project Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the HVAC and Electrical Improvements located in North Branford, Connecticut

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Topic: RPB Regular Meeting (6:30 p.m.) and Public Hearing for LGWTP Project Application (7:00 p.m.)

Time: Feb 24, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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SAFETY MOMENT

DRIVING IN SUN GLARE

Account for time of day

Sun glare tends to be the worst in the early morning and late afternoon. Drivers should be mindful of the potential for glare.

Use polarized sunglasses

Polarized glasses have been popular for years among boaters and fishermen who need to reduce the glare from the water. They offer less eye strain and strong protection from both UVA and UVB rays.

Use the sun visor

It sounds basic, but you can block out the harshest rays of the sun by using your car's sun visor. Be aware that a visor can also reduce overall vision.

Slow down and leave more room

Your visibility and reaction time will decrease due to glare, so it's important to give yourself a greater gap to react.

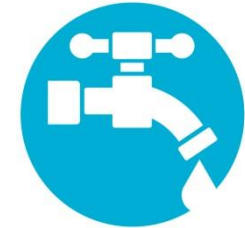
Use your headlights

This makes you more visible to other drivers.

Clean your windshield

Spots and debris on your windshields can make it even more difficult to see in sun glare situations.

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Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority .
It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.

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**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of January 27, 2022 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, January 27, 2022, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

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| Ansonia | Thomas P. Clifford III |
| Bethany | Brian Eitzer |
| Branford | Mario Ricozzi |
| East Haven | Michelle Verderame |
| Guilford | Charles Havrda |
| Hamden | Stephen Mongillo |
| Killingworth | Jamie Mowat Young |
| Madison | Joseph A. Oslander |
| Milford | Richard Smith |
| New Haven | Naomi Campbell |
| North Haven | Anthony P. Rescigno |
| Orange | Jasper J. Jaser |
| Prospect | Robert E. Harvey, Jr. |
| Seymour | Mike Horbal |
| West Haven | T. Gregory Malloy |
| Woodbridge | Mark Levine |
| Governor’s Rep | Vincent M. Marino |

Absent

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| Beacon Falls | Peter Betkoski |
| Cheshire | Tim Slocum |
| Derby | Frank Pepe |
| North Branford | Peter DeSantis |

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David Borowy
Anthony DiSalvo
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Jim Courchaine
Paul Joseph
Rochelle Kowalski
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Amy Velasquez

Murtha Cullina LLP

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its December 16, 2021 meeting as distributed, with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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| Ansonia (3) | Aye | Guilford (4) | Aye | No. Haven (5) | Aye |
| Beacon Falls (0) | Absent | Hamden (10) | Aye | Orange (3) | Aye |
| Bethany (5) | Abstain | Killingworth (2) | Aye | Prospect (1) | Aye |
| Branford (6) | Aye | Madison (6) | Aye | Seymour (1) | Aye |
| Cheshire (4) | Absent | Milford (11) | Aye | West Haven (8) | Aye |
| Derby (2) | Absent | New Haven (13) | Aye | Woodbridge (3) | Aye |

East Haven (6) Aye

No. Branford (8) Absent

Gov. Rep. (1) Aye

Communications

Chair Ricozzi stated that the board meetings would continue using the zoom platform through February to accommodate a possible public hearing. In March, the RPB will transition to Teams. The RWA is also working on a hybrid solution for meetings after March.

Chair Ricozzi reported on the IRS standard mileage rate for the calendar year 2022; effective January 1, 2022, the new mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile, up 2.5 cents from last year.

He stated that the FY 2022 second quarter RPB Dashboard Report was reviewed by the Finance Committee and has been distributed to members. Questions should be directed to members of the Finance Committee.

On motion made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Jaser, and unanimously carried, the RPB voted to waive the reading of the resolution previously distributed to members for completeness and scheduling of the public hearing for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), and Electrical Improvements Project Application, and consideration of associated financing, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 87 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3) Aye
Beacon Falls (0) Absent
Bethany (5) Aye
Branford (6) Aye
Cheshire (4) Absent
Derby (2) Absent
East Haven (6) Aye

Guilford (4) Aye
Hamden (10) Aye
Killingworth (2) Aye
Madison (6) Aye
Milford (11) Aye
New Haven (13) Aye
No. Branford (8) Absent

No. Haven (5) Aye
Orange (3) Aye
Prospect (1) Aye
Seymour (1) Aye
West Haven (8) Aye
Woodbridge (3) Aye
Gov. Rep. (1) Aye

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2021 fourth quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 87 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3) Aye
Beacon Falls (0) Absent
Bethany (5) Aye
Branford (6) Aye
Cheshire (4) Absent
Derby (2) Absent
East Haven (6) Aye

Guilford (4) Aye
Hamden (10) Aye
Killingworth (2) Aye
Madison (6) Aye
Milford (11) Aye
New Haven (13) Aye
No. Branford (8) Absent

No. Haven (5) Aye
Orange (3) Aye
Prospect (1) Aye
Seymour (1) Aye
West Haven (8) Aye
Woodbridge (3) Aye
Gov. Rep. (1) Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – In Mr. Slocum’s absence, Mr. Clifford directed members to the Finance Committee minutes as drafted.

Land Use Committee – In Mr. Betkoski’s absence, Mr. Harvey reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee met with management and received a water chestnut update at Furnace Pond and a review of RWA owned properties.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting last month. The committee met with RWA staff and received an update of RWA’s customer service initiatives.

The committee also met earlier in the week and received a billed consumption update from management. The OCA reported no consumer issues and the committee approved the OCA's budget for FY 2023.

Chair Riconzi noted that the meeting this evening would include a solar update presentation following the Authority report.

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 Pension & Benefit Committee and the Compensation Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the RWA's Pension & Benefit Committee reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with Morgan Stanley to receive an update on the RWA's quarterly investment performance.

The committee also approved a resolution for the delegation of routine matters for the RWA's 401K plan.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the sole member of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund ("Fund"). The Authority voted to approve the appointment of April Capone to the board of directors of the Fund.

Mr. DiSalvo, Chair of the RWA's Compensation Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and CEO, to discuss CEO priorities and the 2022 Strategic Plan action initiatives. The committee also received an update on the progress of the RWA's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion program.

Mr. Joseph, the RWA's Interim Human Resources Vice President, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Office, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended December 31, 2022 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2022 is 116%, with no shortfall. He reported the projection reflects the higher than anticipated billed consumption, a reduction in the anticipated FY 2022 debt service payments, and reflects the one time impact associated with the conversation to monthly billing. Mr. Bingaman noted that there is still uncertainty regarding the short and long-term impacts of the pandemic, and associated variants, including on employment levels and customers' ability to pay. He also noted that the projection reflects changes associated with the rate application.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of January 18, 2022, were 86%, compared to the long-term average of 77%.

Ms. Velasquez, the RWA's Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Lead, provided a solar savings and planning update, which included:

- North Sleeping Giant ("NSG") Solar Array Facts
- NSG solar savings 2018-2021
- Virtual net metering
- Next Steps

Discussion took place regarding grid locations and efficiencies.

At 7:14 p.m., Ms. Velasquez withdrew from the meeting.

Chair Ricozzi stated that contact lists would be distributed to board members and would include contact information for senior management, Authority members, RPB members, and an organizational chart for members of RWA's leadership team.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Resolution for completeness and scheduling of the public hearing for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), and Electrical Improvements Project Application, and consideration of associated financing

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

Proposed Resolutions

January 27, 2022

(Finance Committee's recommendation re Authority's Application for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Electrical Improvements Project and associated financing resolution)

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on December 17, 2021, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration Project and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Electrical Improvements Project (the "Application") and associated financing; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and the associated financing resolution and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete and the financing resolution be accepted for consideration; and **WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the RPB accepts said Application as complete and schedules said Application for a public hearing in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Authority's Application and associated financing resolution for consideration and determines to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on February 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., via remote access; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

FEBRUARY 24, 2022

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee, effective June 1, 2022, the compensation of the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) Chairperson be increased to \$35,500 per year and the compensation of members of the RWA who do not serve as Chairperson be increased to \$26,000 per year.