

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of February 23, 2023 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the office of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Bethany
Branford
Cheshire
Guilford
Hamden
Killingworth
Madison
Milford
New Haven
North Branford
North Haven
Orange
Prospect
Seymour
West Haven
Woodbridge
Governor’s Rep

Thomas P. Clifford III
Peter Betkoski
Brian Eitzer
Mario Ricozzi
Timothy Slocum
Charles Havrda
Stephen Mongillo
Jamie Mowat Young
Joseph A. Oslander
Richard Smith
Naomi Campbell
Peter DeSantis
Anthony P. Rescigno
Jasper J. Jaser
Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Mike Horbal
T. Gregory Malloy
Mark Levine
Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Elizabeth Calo
Dennis Donovan
Jim Hill
Rochelle Kowalski
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Robert Olejarczyk
Kevin Watsey

Absent

Derby
East Haven

Frank Pepe
Michelle Verderame

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 6:30 p.m. He asked members for a moment of silence in remembrance of Anthony DiSalvo, past Authority member.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Public Comment

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

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, the RPB approved the minutes of its January 26, 2023 meeting as distributed, with 79 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on the Code of Ethics Compliance for the period ended November 30, 2022. He reported no violations.

He also communicated that the Executive Committee met earlier in the month to discuss the Authority vacancy. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee for Authority member. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Harvey or the board office.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month in executive session to discuss personnel matters. He stated that the committee’s March and April meeting would be held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month with management to receive a Deer Hunt update. The committee also discussed hybrid meetings. Management reviewed the RWA’s Land and Invasive Species updates and the status of the program for inner city children. The next meeting will take place on March 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in person; an update will be provided on beekeeping activities.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee would meet with management to receive the Deer Hunt Update on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Executive Committee – Mr. Harvey reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee met to discuss the Nominating Committee process for the Authority member vacancy. Members interested in volunteering should contact Mr. Harvey or the board office. The next regular meeting is on April 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the RWA’s Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. Committee members met with RWA’s auditor to review the FY 2023 plan of audit.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the RWA’s Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met to review a mid-year progress update of the action plans associated with RWA’s strategic plan and global metrics.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President & Chief Executive Officer, introduced Mr. Watsey, RWA’s Director of Public Affairs.

He also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority voted to nominate and appoint Ms. LaMarr to the board of directors of the Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund (CCB WSF) to replace the vacancy left by Mr. DiSalvo. The Bylaws of the CCB WSF require one member of the Authority to act as a director.

Ms. Calo, RWA’s Sr. Director of Employee Relations & HR Operations, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA. There have been no new cases since the last update for a total of 125 cases since the start of COVID. The RWA continues to clean and follow CDC guidelines.

At 6:49 p.m., Ms. Campbell entered the meeting.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Office, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended January 31, 2023 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 124%, with no shortfall. Contributing to the higher coverage is a higher interest earnings and water revenues. Also contributing is lower than budgeted PILOT and debt service expense related to DWSRF timing. The RWA continues to monitor the overall economic environment, inflation, and customers’ ability to pay.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of February 13, 2023, were 92%, compared to the long-term average of 80%.

At 7:00 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Slocum, and unanimously carried, the RPB voted to adjourn, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary