

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tim Slocum, Tom Clifford, Charles Havrda, V. Marino and Michelle Verderame

Member Absent: Jay Jaser

RPB Member: Mario Ricozzi

FMA Member: Kevin Curseaden

Management: Rochelle Kowalski, Dennis Donovan, and Jim Hill

OCA: Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Slocum called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Havrda, seconded by Mr. Clifford, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its April 10, 2023 and April 17, 2023 meetings, as presented.

Committee members discussed the completeness, mode, and date of public hearing for the Authority's Application for the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project ("Application").

At 5:05 p.m., Mr. Curseaden entered the meeting.

Chair Slocum reported that the committee would be discussing comments to the FY 2024 proposed budget, presented by management to all RPB members last month. He stated that the OCA had submitted comments in favor of the proposed budget.

Committee members discussed RPB authority and process to adopt the budget. Mr. Ricozzi stated that all RPB members have had the opportunity to review the budget and the OCA's comments including short-term concerns and long-term growth of the capital program.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that Chair Slocum prepare comments for distribution to the Committee for review and approval to forward to the RPB for its May meeting.

The Committee discussed declining consumption, demand, consumption costs, and the value of water.

Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following resolution for recommendation to the Representative Policy Board:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on April 28, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of June 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm., 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 Finance Committee’s recommendation to consider the Authority’s Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on June 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; 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.

Mr. Marino seconded the motion. After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the resolutions.

Chair Slocum reviewed the meeting attendance for the May 25, 2023 Authority meeting.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, reported that the RWA’s auditor, CliftonLarsonAllen, provided a proposal for the Finance Committee’s review. Ms. Kowalski will forward the proposal to Committee members for discussion at the June meeting.

Mr. Ricoszi, RPB Chair, stated that Atty. Donofrio would be doing a refresher training presentation to the RPB Committees in June. Discussion took place regarding Freedom of Information training, confidentiality, ethics, corporate governance, and the confidential document process.

The Finance Committee will meet next on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

At 5:25 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Timothy Slocum, Chairman