

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Jay Jaser and Vincent Marino

RPB Member: Mario Ricozzi

FMA Member: Suzanne Sack

Management: Larry Bingaman, Rochelle Kowalski, and Jim Hill

CliftonLarsonAllen: Ron Nossek and David Flint

OCA: Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

In Chair Slocum's absence, Mr. Havrda called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Messrs. Nossek and Flint of CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA), the RWA's external auditor, reviewed the Authority's audit plan and process for FY 2023 and discussed the firm's scope of engagement and current and future accounting standards. The audit is scheduled to begin July 17, 2023 and end on July 24, 2023, with an expected completion date of September 15, 2023. No discussion ensued.

At 5:06 p.m., Messrs. Nossek and Flint withdrew from the meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its February 13, 2023 meeting, with Mr. Clifford abstaining.

Mr. Havrda proposed moving agenda item #4, *Possible consideration and action re Authority member compensation*, after Item #7, *New Business*. On motion made by Mr. Ricozzi, seconded by Mr. Clifford, the committee voted to move Item #4 to the end of the meeting.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the Quarterly Report on RPB Approved Projects and related financing, which included:

- Ansonia-Derby Tank
- West River Water Treatment Plant Improvements
- Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifier, Recycle Pump Station & Concrete Restoration
- Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant HVAC and Electrical Improvements

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- Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program - Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement
- Lake Whitney Dam & Spillway Improvements Phase I – Initial Design Project
- Customer Information System

At 5:12 p.m., Chair Slocum entered the meeting.

Committee members discussed Ansonia-Derby Tank project pending litigation, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and contractor status of Lake Gaillard Projects.

Chair Slocum reviewed the meeting attendance for the March 23, 2023 and April 27, 2023 Authority meetings.

There was no new business to report.

At 5:20 p.m., Mss. Kowalski and Sack, and Messrs. Bingaman and Hill withdrew from the meeting, and on motion made by Mr. Havrda, seconded by Mr. Clifford, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to convene in executive session to pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210 subsection b #2 concerning personnel. Present in executive session were committee members, Mr. Ricoszi, Atty. Donofrio, and Ms. Slubowski.

At 5:28 p.m., the committee reconvened. It was the consensus of the committee to make no changes to the Authority compensation for FY 2024 for reasons discussed in executive session.

The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee to review the FY 2024 Budget with management is Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Timothy Slocum, Chairman