

Representative Policy Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

September 26, 2024

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	Mark Levine(R)
Woodbridge	T. Gregory Malloy

Absent

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
Milford	Richard Smith
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. He acknowledged Mr. Watsey, the RWA’s Director of Public Affairs, who presented a commemoration from Governor Lamont to the RWA, in recognition of the RWA’s 175th Anniversary.

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack

Management

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

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Public Comment

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

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On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its August 22, 2024 regular meeting and the September 5, 2024 special meeting as distributed, with 77 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)	Abstain	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Harvey stated that the Nominating Committee distributed the Criteria to be Used in Recommending an Appointment of a Candidate to the Five Member Authority for RPB review and comment.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the “RPB”) on July 31, 1980, as amended and supplemented (the “General Bond Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bonds shall not exceed Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined). It is expected that the Authority will receive grant funding in the amount of 75% of the contract cost but not exceeding \$5,000,000.
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.

3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of planning and efforts associated with inventory development for certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority related to the Lead Service Line-Planning Project; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the “Project”).
4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the RPB approved the resolutions, with 82 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)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum reported that the committee met on September 9, 2024 to review and discuss the Lead Service Line – Planning financing resolution for recommendation to the RPB. The Committee also received a quarterly update on RPB approved capital projects.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met on September 11, 2024 at Lake Saltonstall and received an update on the Furnace Pond chestnut harvest.

The Committee’s next meeting on October 9, 2024 will be the Committee’s annual pizza dinner. All RPB members are invited to attend.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the week with management to receive an update on the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

The Office of Consumer Affairs reported that he was working on the memorandum for tonight’s public hearing for the 2025 Rate Application.

Ms. Campbell also stated that she has been working with Mr. Singh, the RWA’s Chief Information Digital Office & Vice President of Customer Care, on a list of topics for future Committee meetings.

The next meeting is on October 21, 2024.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Clifford, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month with the Authority Chair and RWA President & CEO, to discuss the Criteria for Authority Member. The Criteria was refined to include experience with artificial intelligence and mergers & acquisitions (“M&A”), and Post M&A.

The Committee is scheduled to meet with the incumbent Authority member on Monday, September 30th.

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 Audit-Risk Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Audit-Risk Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with the RWA’s auditor, CliftonLarsonAllen, to receive the results of the FY 2024 Audit. The auditor reported a clean audit with no incidents of non-compliance.

Mr. Borowy reported that the Authority also met as the Commercial Business Committee and the Compensation Committee. He acknowledged Mr. Curseaden, chair of the Committees, who reported that both meetings were held in executive session.

The Commercial Business Committee met with management to receive an update on the RWA’s commercial strategy and the FY 2025 first quarter results. The Committee also received an acquisition update.

Mr. Curseaden also reported that at the special meeting of the Compensation Committee meeting earlier in the day, the committee met with the RWA’s President & CEO to review a self-evaluation.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and CEO, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended August 31, 2024 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 117%, with no shortfall.

He also reported that as of September 16, 2024 raw water storage was at 83%, compared to the long-term average of 71% for the same period last year.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

Chair Harvey reported that management would provide an acquisition update that would be required to be held in executive session. At 6:53 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were RPB members, Regional Water Authority members, management, Counsel, Office of Consumer Affairs, and staff.

The chair called for the vote and the RPB voted to convene in executive session, with 82 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)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

At 7:00 p.m., the RPB came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session.

Chair Harvey reminded members of the Derby Tank Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Members should RSVP to the board office or Mr. Watsey.

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As there was no further discussion, at 7:01 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.

UNAPPROVED