

UNAPPROVED

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of April 27, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
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 Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Derby	Frank Pepe
Milford	Richard Smith
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Amrik Matharu

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Safety Moment

He 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. Clifford, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its March 23, 2023 meeting, with 74 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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 (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Stated that RPB member term expirations are coming up on June 30, 2023 for the following members: Mss. Campbell, Verderame and Young, and Messrs. Betkoski, Eitzer, and Jaser. Letters will be mailed to the appropriate town officials. Members will receive a copy. He also reported that he received confirmation of Mr. Marino’s reappointment from the Governor’s office.
- Commented that volunteers are needed for the RPB Nominating Committee for RPB officers. The officer position of Chair will be vacant. The Committee should expect to meet in May and June and report to the RPB at its June meeting.
- Stated that RPB members received a copy of the RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report in the meeting package, which was reviewed by the Finance Committee at their last meeting. Chair Ricozzi thanked members of management for adjustments made to the report.
- Noted that RPB members received a report of proposed work to be done in May. The information should be reviewed to prepare for possible questions from the public.
- Reported that the Finance Committee will be discussing the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets at its next meeting on May 8th. Any questions should be directed to the board office or Mr. Slocum before the meeting.
- Highlighted a future training/refresher program for RPB members regarding Conflicts of Interest, Freedom of Information, and other topics. A presentation will take place at future committee meetings for all members. Any suggestions should be directed to Mr. Ricozzi or the board office.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to review the Authority’s Application for completeness, mode and date of public hearing of the Authority’s Application for the purchase of assets of a confidential Plumbing Company. The committee found the application to be complete and voted to recommend the application to the RPB. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on March 30, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval to purchase the Assets of a Confidential Plumbing Company (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 May 25, 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 May 25, 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 hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

At 6:38 p.m., Ms. Verderame entered the meeting.

Chair Ricozzi reported that the public hearing would have a public session and a closed session for confidential discussion. Mr. Malloy, West Haven’s RPB representative, will act as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

Mr. Jaser seconded the resolution. The Chair called for the vote, the RPB unanimously approved the resolution with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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 (10)	Absent	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)	Absent

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2023 first quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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)	Absent	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)	Absent

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to discuss the Application’s completeness and draft resolution approved earlier in the meeting. The Committee also received the quarterly financial report from management, reviewed the

3rd quarter Dashboard Report, and discussed logistics for future meetings. It was the consensus of the committee that future meetings take place remotely.

Mr. Slocum reported that the Committee met again on April 17th at a joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee to review the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets with management.

The next meeting is on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Harvey reported that the committee met earlier in the month in executive session to review the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets with management. In addition, management provided a land, forestry, and recreation update.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met last week in executive session to review the proposed FY 2024 budgets with management. The OCA reported that he has been working on his review of the budget, reviewing the Authority's application related to the plumbing company, and reported no pending consumer complaints.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that the Committee met at the end of last month to set up the newspaper advertisement and online posting for the Five Member Authority board position. The Committee has received a good response and will meet in early May to review resumes and discuss the interview process.

Executive Committee – Chair Ricozzi reported that the Executive Committee met earlier in the month to discuss the process for the Nominating Committee for RPB Officers, Committee chair term limits, Conflict of Interest language added to Protective Orders, future RPB member training, the RWA upcoming Application schedule, and applications & projects.

Mr. Mongillo suggested reviewing, at a future Executive Committee meeting, the restrictions in RWA's enabling legislation related to board members.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that Authority met earlier in the day as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with RWA's actuary, Angell Pension Group, to discuss the valuation reports, assumptions and associated contribution levels that will be used in the upcoming fiscal year. The Authority approved the assumptions and contributions for next fiscal year and an additional fiscal 2023 contribution to the pension plan. The Committee also met with Morgan Stanley to receive a Quarterly Investment Performance Update. The committee also reviewed its 2024 Committee Work Plan and update to its Charter, which was discussed and adopted by the Committee.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority approved managements request for a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment and an Application for the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project. Both applications will be forwarded to the RPB for consideration.

Ms. Calo, the RWA's Senior Director of Employee Relations and HR Operations reported no new COVID cases; however, the RWA continues to follow the same process and protocols. Discussion took place regarding the RWA's remote work policy.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority considered and approved entering into the project loan obligation for the a System

Wide Radio Telemetry Unit Upgrade project and also approved resolutions related to the 37th Series bond issuance, including the associated Official Statement and a refunding.

He also reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for through the period ended March 31, 2023.

Mr. Bingaman reported that reservoir levels are at 97% as of April 17, 2023 compared to the long-term average of 93%.

Chair Ricoszi, acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, who reported that he issued his letter to the Authority regarding the FY 2024 proposed budgets and submitted interrogatories for the Application approved for a public hearing this evening.

He highlighted an invitation to attend the New Haven Environmental Advisory Committee meeting next week with Rochelle Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, and Dave Fox from Raftelis.

At 7:13 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Charles Havrda, Secretary