

**Representative Policy Board
Executive Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
via remote access

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: **Committee Members** – Mario Ricozzi, Bob Harvey, Charles Havrda, Jay Jaser, Peter Betkoski, Stephen Mongillo, and Tim Slocum

OCA - Jeffrey Donofrio, Esquire

RPB Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Mongillo, seconded by Mr. Slocum, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its October 5, 2022 special meeting.

Chair Ricozzi stated that he met with Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, and Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President & Chief Executive Officer, to discuss the logistics of upcoming board and committee meetings. They confirmed that the Authority would meet via hybrid starting on February 23, 2023. The committee discussed:

- Status of COVID hospitalizations, transmission rates, and reporting
- Masking options
- Current municipality and business logistics
- Conference room set-up
- RPB Committee preferences

After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee that the RPB meet, via hybrid method, starting in February. The RPB Committees will meet in February to coordinate logistics for future meetings and report to the Chair.

Chair Ricozzi reported that the RWA’s organizational chart was distributed to members for review. He reminded members that they should contact the board office as a resource for inquiries. In the event, the board administrator is not available; members should contact her backup, Tara Augur.

Chair Ricozzi stated that he is looking for a presiding member for a possible public hearing in February. He also noted that the Nominating Committee is scheduled to convene in May for the election of RPB officers. The position of Chair would be open.

He also thanked Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, for his review of FOIA compliance and procedures for RWA’s business practices.

Mr. Mongillo commented on the 23rd Annual Lake Whitney Management Plan scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023. The meeting is being held in person at the Whitney Water Center for anyone interested in attending.

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Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, provided members with an update on the RWA's Police staffing efforts and priorities and its Environmental Education program and succession.

Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is scheduled to receive a security update at its meeting on January 23rd. He stated that he also met with the Mayor of Hamden and Mr. Bingaman earlier in the month to discuss the lead & copper revisions and to discuss other areas of interest.

Chair Ricozzi stated that RWA's management team is meeting with all district municipalities to update them on the lead & copper revisions and discuss other topics in an effort to improve transparency with the towns.

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the committee is currently involved with standard budgetary items.

Committee members discussed RWA's lining program & process and the pipe replacement program.

Chair Ricozzi alerted members of possible upcoming acquisitions that will be presented to the RPB for approval. There are two acquisitions, similar in nature that may be consolidated into one application and presented at one public hearing.

Atty. Donofrio stated that when presented with the application he would review for appropriateness. He will consult with the RWA's President & CEO at that time.

Atty. Donofrio reported that he is involved with some minor consumer issues and explained to members the process for escalations to the Office of Consumer Affairs.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

At 6:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Mario Ricozzi, Chairman