

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

September 26, 2024

Minutes

The regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Borowy presided.

Present: **Authority** – Messrs. Borowy(R), Curseaden and Ricozzi, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
 Management – Mss. Kowalski, Calo(R), DiFrancesco, and Messrs. Bingaman, DelVecchio, Hill(R), Lakshminarayanan, Singh(R), and Watsey
 RPB – Ms. Campbell
 Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

A. SAFETY MOMENT

Chair Borowy reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Borowy offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present.

Mr. Watsey, the RWA’s Director of Public Affairs, presented a commemoration from Governor Lamont to the RWA, in recognition of the RWA’s 175th Anniversary.

C. MEET AS AUDIT-RISK COMMITTEE

At 12:33 p.m., Ms. DiFrancesco and Mr. Watsey withdrew from the meeting on a motion made by Mr. Ricozzi and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to recess the meeting to meet as the Audit-Risk Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 12:35 p.m., Mr. Curseaden entered the meeting.

At 12:58 p.m., Mr. DelVecchio withdrew from the meeting and the Authority reconvened.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion made by Ms. Sack and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive, as appropriate the following items in the Consent Agenda:

D.1 Minutes of the August 22, 2024 regular meeting and the September 12, 2024 special meeting.

D.2 Capital budget authorization for October 2024

RESOLVED, that the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the month of October for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn, pursuant to such requisition, is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for fiscal year 2025 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded. In the absence of the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, the Controller is authorized to sign in her place.

D.3 Capital budget transfer notifications detailed in Ms. Kowalski’s memorandum dated September 20, 2024.

D.4 Accounts receivable update for August 2024.

D.5 Key Performance Indicators for Q1 FY 2025.

D.6 RPB Dashboard Report.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 1:00 p.m., Chair Borowy withdrew from the meeting. In Mr. Borowy’s absence, Mr. Curseaden chaired the meeting.

E. FINANCE

E.1. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the first quarter 2024 financial report, including the:

- Balance sheet
- Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position
- Maintenance test year-end projections and sensitivities
- Operating and maintenance expenses
- Capital report!
- Investment earnings report

E.2 TYPE B3 AMENDMENTS

Ms. Kowalski stated that management is seeking Authority authorization for capital amendments to the FY 2025 budget for the underdrain and filter media replacement projects.

After discussion, Mr. Ricozzi moved for approval of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED that the Authority approved the transfer of \$1,810,000 from the Lead Service Line Replacements capital budget account to the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Underdrain Replacements capital budget account; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authority approves the transfer of \$1,379,000 from three projects to the Filter Media Replacement budget account. The projects and amounts are \$690,000 from the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement capital budget account, \$350,000 from the Treatment Plant Buried Valve Improvements project capital budget account, and \$339,000 from the Raw Water/Transmission Main Replacement/Redundancy capital budget account.

Ms. LaMarr seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote:

Borowy	Absent
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

F. RPB COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS ON RPB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Authority members reported on recent RPB committee meetings.

G. BUSINESS UPDATES

G.1 Mr. Singh, the RWA's Chief Information Digital Officer & Vice President of Customer Care, provided a Customer Information System Update, which included:

- Accomplishments
- Current activities
- Decisions and risks
- Next steps

G.2 Mr. Bingaman reported that the RWA will partner with ClimateHaven, a start up lab created by Yale, for the development of innovative technologies and to tackle water-related challenges, which will be used to improve water quality, conservation, and sustainability.

Board members congratulated management on its award related to PFAS and the work performed by Mr. Vece, the RWA's Chief of Staff, on the RWA's FY 2024 Annual Report.

At 1:51 p.m., Ms. Campbell withdrew from the meeting and the Authority recessed the meeting for a short break.

[BREAK 1:51 P.M. TO 2:03 P.M.]

H. DISPOSITION APPLICATION – 56 SQUANTUCK ROAD, SEYMOUR

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, provided an overview of the application for the disposition of 56 Squantuck Road in Seymour.

He stated that the property is located on approximately 4.9 acres of Class III land in Seymour and was inherited as part of Birmingham Utilities. The reservoir has not been in use since acquired. The Town of Seymour has expressed an interest in purchasing the property for use as open space preservation. Given the town's right of first refusal and its interest in purchasing the property, it is in the best interest of the Authority to sell to the town.

Authority members discussed intended use, payment in lieu of taxes, dam ownership, and easements.

After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Ricoszi and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to table the application to the October meeting, pending additional information regarding the proposed transaction.

Borowy	Absent
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricoszi	Aye
Sack	Aye

I. MEET AS COMMERCIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

At 2:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Ricoszi and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to recess the meeting to meet as the Commercial Business Committee.

Borowy	Absent
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricoszi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 2:33 p.m., Mr. Borowy entered the meeting.

At 3:16 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

J. MEET AS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (SPECIAL MEETING)

At 3:16 p.m., on motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Mr. Ricoszi, the Authority voted to recess the meeting to meet as the Compensation Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricoszi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 4:27 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

K. ACT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There were no actions taken as a result of the Committee meetings.

Mr. Curseaden reminded members that the Derby Tank Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

He also noted changes to Boardpaq early next year.

At 4:28 p.m., on motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

Borowy	Aye
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Curseaden Aye
LaMarr Aye
Ricozzi Aye
Sack Aye

Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.