

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Consumer Affairs Committee

September 18, 2023

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Monday, September 18, 2023, via remote access.

Members present: M. Levine, N. Campbell, S. Mongillo, and A. Rescigno

Members absent: F. Pepe and R. Smith

RPB: R. Harvey (RPB Chair) and C. Havrda

Authority: C. LaMarr

RWA: R. Kowalski, S. Lakshminarayanan, J. Hill, P. Singh, D. Bochan and T. Barger

Office of Consumer Affairs: Attorney Donofrio (“OCA”)

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

Chairman Levine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

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

On motion made by Mr. Mongillo, and seconded by Mr. Rescigno, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its August 21, 2023 meeting, as presented.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, and Mr. Barger, the RWA’s Water Quality Manager, provided an update on the Lead & Copper Rule (“LCR”) and discussed key focus areas, highlights, and future expectations, which included:

- RWA website dedicated to assist customers with self-identification of lead service lines
- Upcoming postcard mailing
- Current focus areas
- Municipal updates
- GIS based interactive mapping system

Mr. Barger reported on current potholing and vacuum excavation activities, which will allow access to service lines to identify composition.

Mr. Barger also reported that Connecticut was one of four states selected by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the RWA was one of ten public water utilities in Connecticut, selected to participate in the EPA Accelerator Program to identify and address existing compliance barriers and promote progress of lead service line identification and replacement. This will provide the RWA with opportunities to learn more about the process and gather input from peers in other pilot states.

Committee members and management discussed unknowns, self-identification process, and gooseneck identification and location, and federal funding.

At 5:59 p.m., Mr. Barger withdrew from the meeting.

Atty. Donofrio reported that he is currently finalizing two memorandums to the RPB in advance of its public hearings scheduled on September 28th for the dispositions of two pieces of unimproved land in North Branford.

As a follow up to last month's update concerning the customer matter from New Haven, Atty. Donofrio reported that he has not received a reply from the customer or the RWA.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan stated that the RWA has been in contact with the customer and is working on a resolution. He will keep the committee updated.

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Committee voted to approve the OCA's August 2023 billing for \$2,739.00.

Chair Levine reviewed assignments for upcoming Authority meetings, as follows:

- September 28 –Mr. Rescigno

Committee members discussed the economic adjustment to the PipeSafe, sewer repair and well services programs.

The next regular meeting is on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:05 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Mongillo, and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Mark Levine, Chairman