

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

Minutes of June 22, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 22, 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

Derby	Frank Pepe
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Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Dennis Donovan
Elizabeth Calo
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Orville Kelly

Tighe & Bond

Chris Bone

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. Slocum, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 25, 2023 meeting, with corrections, and with 98 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	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 Ricozzi reported that the FY 2024 RPB Weighted Vote Computation was distributed to members. There are no changes.

He stated that members should submit their committee choice to the board office by next Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

Items for Consideration and Action

Chair Ricozzi stated that approval of the bond resolution within the 2023 Rate Application was not separately approved at the RPB's March 23, 2023 meeting when the Rate Application was approved. Although the resolution was included within the Application, the RPB would need to approve a separate resolution. Ms. Young moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") approved the 2023 Rate Application dated January 3, 2023 (the "Rate Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Rate Application included the Resolution entitled "Resolution Approving The Issuance Of Bonds" (the "Resolution").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RPB hereby confirms its approval of the Resolution as set forth below.

Resolution Approving the Issuance Of Bonds

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 RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority's Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty-seven Million Dollars (\$37,000,000).
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 to finance or refinance the cost of certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority (the “Projects”) from approximately July, 2023 through December, 2024 in accordance with a certain capital improvement plan (the “Plan”) adopted by the Authority on June 23, 2022, as may be amended from time to time, or in accordance with resolutions approved by the Authority for additional water system projects, (the “Resolutions”), to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund, Debt Reserve Fund, and Operating Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance.
4. The Bonds may be sold by a competitive bid or 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. Slocum seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 98 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	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 6:37 p.m., Mr. Marino entered the meeting.

Mr. Malloy moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Application for approval to Purchase the Assets of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company, dated March 30, 2023, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	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)	Aye

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 Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing Company. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on May 30, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval to purchase the Assets of Target Two, 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 July 27, 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 July 27, 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 said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Horbal seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	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)	Aye

Chair Ricozzi stated that Mr. Clifford would act as presiding member at the public hearing.

Ms. Campbell moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

Chairperson:	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Vice Chairperson:	Stephen Mongillo
Secretary:	Jamie Mowat Young
Treasurer:	Timothy Slocum

Mr. Eitzer seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	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)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to receive a presentation from Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA), on Governance, FOIA and Ethics. The Committee also recommended to the RPB that the Application for Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing Company, be accepted as complete and that a public hearing be conducted. The committee also received highlights of the 5-year audit proposal from management, and reviewed the quarterly report on RPB approved projects.

Due to a conflict, the next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met and received the OCA’s presentation on Governance, FOIA and Ethics. The Committee also received land updates from management.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 and the agenda will consider the election of Committee Chair for the upcoming year. Mr. Betkoski stated his preference to continue with his role as Chair for another year. Other interested candidates should contact the board office.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The Committee will receive the OCA’s presentation on Governance, FOIA and Ethics. The meeting is virtual only and all RPB members are invited to attend.

Nominating Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Nominating Committee for RPB officers, had nothing more to report.

Members of the RPB, Authority, and management thanked Mr. Ricozzi for his service on the RPB and congratulated the RPB officers elected for the upcoming year.

Authority/Management - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the board approved submitting to the RPB two land dispositions. He stated that the Authority also met as the Strategic Planning Committee and received an update from management on the RWA’s FY 2023 Strategic Action Plan & Global Metrics and approved the FY 2024 Strategic Action Plan & Global Metrics. The Committee also reviewed the RWA’s collection strategy.

Mr. Borowy reported that the Authority also met as the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Commercial Business Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee received a presentation from management on the RWA’s FY 2023 commercial business results and reviewed goals, key achievements and learnings. The committee reviewed and approved its Charter for recommendation to the Authority. The Committee also met in executive session to discuss in detail.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Office, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended May 31, 2023 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 140%, with no shortfall. Contributing to the higher coverage are higher interest earnings and water revenues, lower operating expenses, PILOT and debt service expense related to DWSRF timing. The RWA continues to monitor the overall economic environment and customers' ability to pay.

He also reported that raw water storage levels are at 95%, compared to 91% last year.

Discussion took place regarding water revenues, economic impact, and monthly billing and collections.

Chair Ricoszi recognized Atty. Donofrio who thanked RPB Committees for attending the Governance, FOIA and Ethics presentation.

Chair Ricoszi thanked members of the RPB for having the opportunity to serve as Chair of the board and congratulated Mr. Harvey on his new role as RPB Chair.

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for approval to purchase Assets of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company.