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MINUTES OF BOARD CORPORATE MEETING #288
May 9, 2006

(Meetings of the Board Corporate convene immediately after the Board meetings.)

Members Present:

Daniel W. Varin, Chairman
Frank Perry
June Swallow*
Michael Walker*
Jon Schock
William Stamp, III
Dr. Michael Sullivan
Ian Morrison

Members Absent:

Robert Griffith
William Penn, V. Chairman

*Member designee

Staff Present:

Juan Mariscal
Kathleen Crawley
Beverly O'Keefe
William Riveros
Elaine Maguire
Rob Christina
Romeo Mendes
Tracy Shields

Guests:

Sharon Barr, Lead Safe Inspections
Al LaFazia, Sheriffs
Gary Lonergan, Sheriffs
Patrick McQuade, Cardi Construction
Stephen Cardi, Cardi Construction
Chantale Edouard, House Finance
Evan Matthews, Quonset Development Corporation
Harold Ward, Coalition for Water Security
Jane Austin, Save the Bay/Water Security Coalition

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairman Varin called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Schock moved approval of the April minutes with a second by Mr. Stamp, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS RESULTING

A. Public Drinking Water Protection Committee—Chair Robert Griffith

(1) RI Public Drinking Water Protection Program - Phase III:

(a) Extension of Phase III Watershed Protection Program Deadline

Mr. Perry explained that this was a request to extend the program deadline. Mr. Mariscal noted that he had distributed an opinion from bond counsel relative to this discussion. Mr. Perry continued this would extend the deadline beyond June 30, 2006 with no new applications for funding being accepted after June 30, 2006. The new deadline would be March 31, 2007. This applies to all projects including land acquisitions. The real estate closings would have to be completed by that date, and all documents must be submitted by the March 2007 deadline. Mr. Perry moved approval with Mr. Schock seconding. Mr. Schock noted that the Finance Committee had also reviewed this request and concurred with the motion. This motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Varin explained that the major reason for extending the deadline out to March of 2007 is that Kingston Water has reached agreement to purchase some land, but the owner does not want to settle the deal until after January for tax purposes.

Mr. Perry clarified that there are several planned projects which have not yet closed.

- (b) Bristol County Water Authority Requisition #3—Water Quality Improvement Project, Replacement of Tuberculated Water Mains. Requested Amount: \$147,338.39; Recommended Payment \$147,338.39. Request for Payment Approval

Mr. Perry explained that this project had been approved for eligibility last month, all required documentation has been received and he moved approval—subject to final disposition of the land project. Mr. Stamp seconded, and Mr. Schock noted approval of the Finance Committee as well. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Bristol County Water Authority Requisition #4—Water Quality Improvement Project, Replacement of Tuberculated Water Mains. Requested Amount: \$7,744.29; Recommended Payment \$7,744.29. Request for Payment Approval

Mr. Perry explained that this was another payment request from Bristol County Water Authority. This request, too, had been previously approved for eligibility. Mr. Perry moved approval—subject to receipt of the canceled checks and final disposition of the land project. Mr. Schock seconded and noted Finance Committee's concurrence. The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Stone Bridge Fire District—Water Quality Improvement Project, Looping Dead End Water Mains. Request for Eligibility Approval

Mr. Perry explained that this was a request for eligibility from Stone Bridge for looping of dead end water mains. Based on DOT approvals and some work being done on Central Avenue and Evans Avenue, the Committee recommends that this project be approved for eligibility because of the extension of the deadline for Phase III. Final determination for payment will be made based on the final project and the invoices submitted. Mr. Perry moved approval with a second by Mr. Stamp. Mr. Schock noted the concurrence of the Finance Committee. This motion carried.

- (e) Kingston Water District—Wellhead Protection Land Acquisition Project, Liberty Lane Property Project in the Town of South Kingstown. Request for Eligibility Approval

Mr. Perry stated this was the request referenced earlier (see (a) above). Kingston is requesting eligibility on acquisition of a parcel of land—Tibbett's Farm in South Kingstown. It contains 2 well sites—SNW1082 and SNW1085 are previous well sites. This is the project in which everything has been negotiated but the sale will not close until next year because of a capital gains situation for the owner. Mr. Perry moved approval and Mr. Schock seconded.

In response to a question from Dr. Sullivan, Mr. Perry stated that the maps had come off of the South Kingstown GIS site. Dr. Sullivan noted his question was prompted by the fact that all of URI's property was listed as DEM property.

- (f) City of Woonsocket—Watershed Protection and Water Quality Improvement Projects, Land Acquisition Costs, Looping of Water Mains (Sycamore Street to Rhodes Avenue). Replacement of Tuberculated Water Mains. Request For Eligibility Approval

Mr. Perry explained that this was a request for eligibility from Woonsocket for projects including land acquisition costs—this would cover the costs of the acquisition of the property on Iron Mine Road, which is estimated to be approximately \$25,000. The looping of water mains on a portion of Sycamore Street to Rhode Avenue in the city—Mr. Perry then referenced a map. He added that the projects also included replacement of some water mains. He moved approval of eligibility and determination of payment based on the final project. Mr. Schock seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.

- (g) Quonset Development Corporation—Wellhead Protection Projects, Purchase of a Land Conservation Easement on Approximately 5+ Acres off Frenchtown Road in the Town of North Kingstown. Preparation of Water Supply System Management Plan 5-Year Update. Request For Eligibility Approval

Mr. Perry explained that this was a 2-part request from Quonset Development Corporation. One is the purchase of an easement. There was significant discussion of this at the committee level, and one of the requests was that they provide better mapping on this particular parcel showing where it was and exactly what was being protected. The Corporation has been unable to produce a better map for this meeting, and there are negotiations ongoing with the town to define exactly which portion Quonset would purchase and which portion North Kingstown would purchase. Because of timing issues, Quonset has requested that this item be tabled until next month, and that the Board only consider the preparation of the water supply system management plan 5-year update, which is an eligible cost. Mr. Perry moved approval of eligibility of the management plan 5-year update with a second by Mr. Stamp. Chairman Varin clarified that this was eligible only up to 40 percent of the cost.

B. Finance Committee—Chair William J. Penn

Mr. Penn noted that there was nothing to report under this committee.

C. Nominating Committee—Chair Frank Perry

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mariscal noted that there was an item which had not made it to today's agenda, but he just wanted to make the Board aware that it would be on next month's agenda. Portsmouth Water and Fire District had requested from the DOT the proposed Sakkonet Bridge be designed to accommodate a water line (interconnection) between Portsmouth and Stone Bridge Water and Fire Districts. The design is moving forward and DOT says it could actually provide a utility corridor here, but it is looking for others to pay for the extra design and construction costs. No one is requesting that a pipe be placed currently, but in order to allow for that in the future, there will have to be some engineering done for the construction. DOT has put out to bid 2 different approaches and the low bid will be awarded. One option is easier than the other.

What Portsmouth is requesting is an eligibility determination for this project under the interconnection program. Mr. Mariscal noted that funds are available. Portsmouth also requests that the Board send a letter to DOT and work with DOT and them to try to arrange this.

Mr. Mariscal explained that this would be put on the June agenda, but in the meantime, staff would be working with DOT and Portsmouth on the project.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Stamp, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Shields
Personnel Aide

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