



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Water Resources Board Corporate
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MINUTES OF BOARD CORPORATE MEETING # 291

September 20, 2006

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

Members Present:

Daniel W. Varin, Chairman
William Penn, V. Chairman
Robert Griffith
June Swallow
Frank Perry
William Stamp, III
W. Michael Sullivan
Ian Morrison
William Parsons*
Jon Schock

Members Absent:

*Member designee

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Henry Meyer, RIWWA
Evan Matthews, Quonset Development Corporation
Stan Knox, United Water RI
Heidi Green, Quonset Development Corporation
Carol Lariviere, Woonsocket Water
Anthony Caliri, CCJ, CPAs
Ken Payne, RI Senate Policy Office
Russ Chateaufneuf, RIDEM

*Member designee

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 2:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11, 2006 Board Corporate Meeting #290

Mr. Griffith moved approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2006 Board Corporate Meeting #290 with a second by Mr. Sullivan. This 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) Quonset Development Corporation—Watershed/Wellhead Protection Projects.
Conservation Easement Projects in the Towns of East Greenwich and North Kingstown.

Mr. Griffith introduced a Request for Eligibility Approval by the Quonset Development Corporation for a watershed/conservation easement project for the Towns of East Greenwich and North Kingstown. The request was reviewed in late July and determined by committee that the Town of North Kingstown met the requirements for eligibility. The Committee did not approve the Town of East Greenwich project and this has been set aside as a request. The Town of North Kingstown project has confirmed it will move forward in a timely manner. Mr. Griffith made the motion with a second by Mr. Stamp. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Town of Jamestown – Watershed Protection Land Acquisition Project – Request for Release of Funds Approval

Mr. Griffith introduced a request for approval for Release of funds to the Town of Jamestown who has resubmitted a request for payment for their Phase III project for the amount of \$32, 890. The previous approval was subject to legal counsel regarding water supply covenants to be included in the deed of record and that payment be made. Mr. Griffith made the motion with a second by Mr. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Finance Committee—Chair William J. Penn

- (1) FY 2008 Water Resources Board Corporate Operating Budget. Request for Approval

Mr. Penn introduced the Water Resources Board Corporate Operating Budget. He noted the Finance Committee discussed and wants to explore further the existing Watershed Protection Bond fund which has approximately \$600,000-700,000 available for program administration. Currently, staff provide those services, and we would like to find a way to access these funds and make them part of our budget. Mr. Penn made the motion to adopt the 2007 Water Resources Board Corporate Operating Budget for 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schock. The motion was approved.

- (2) FY 2006 Water Resources Board Corporate Annual Audit Report—Request for Acceptance

Mr. Penn introduced the request for acceptance of the Board Corporate annual audit ending June 2006. He noted the Committee has reviewed the audit and meets all of the requirements. Mr. Penn made the motion with a second by Mr. Schock. The motion passed unanimously

- (3) Payment Requests:

- (a) DEM for legal and appraisal services rendered to the WRB, Watershed Protection Bond Fund from 4/30/06 – 6/30/06. Requested Amount: \$1,798.10; Recommended Payment: \$1,798.10. Request for Approval

Mr. Penn introduced a payment request from DEM in the amount of \$1,798.10 covering watershed protection services. Mr. Penn made the motion with a second by Mr. Parsons. The motion carried. Mr. Sullivan abstained.

- (b) B & E Consulting, LLC, financial consultant transition assistance. Requested Amount: \$625.00; Recommended Payment: \$625.00. Request for Approval

Mr. Penn introduced a payment request from B & E Consulting for financial consultant transition assistance in the amount of \$625.00 and he made that in the form of a motion with a second by Mr. Stamp. Mr. Sullivan abstained and the motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS - None.

6. OTHER BUSINESS - None.

7. ADJOURNMENT (Return to Water Resources Board)

Motion by Mr. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Schock to adjourn. By unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly O'Keefe
Supervising Planner