



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Water Resources Board Corporate

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MINUTES OF BOARD CORPORATE MEETING # 296

April 10, 2007

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

Members Present:

Daniel W. Varin, Chairman

William Penn

Robert Griffith*

Clay Commons*

Alicia Good*

William Stamp, III

Michael Walker*

Jon Schock

Frank Perry

Staff Present:

Juan Mariscal, P.E.

Kathleen Crawley

Romeo Mendes, P.E

Beverly O'Keefe

William Rivero

Regina Frisby

*Member designee

Members Absent:

Ian Morrison

Guests

Ken Payne, Senate Policy Advisor

Tim Brown, Kent County Water Authority

Pasquale Delise, Bristol County Water Authority

Evan Mathews, Quonset Development Corporation

Ray DiSanto, East Smithfield Water District

Harold Ward, Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Assoc.

Alan Klepper, Board Member, BCWA

Alan Silbowitz, Dewbury

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Varin called meeting 296 of the Water Resources Board Corporate to order noting that a quorum was present at 1:44 pm.

Chairman Varin then directed the board's attention to the matter of the quorum which had been raised earlier by Mr. Sullivan and deferred to the Board Corporate meeting. He noted that the Board had received advice from the Attorney General's Office from Rebecca Partington who is the attorney assigned to the Board and an attorney who is the open meetings law coordinator. They were not certain if there had been a case like this one. But they concluded the following: All public bodies must have a quorum at the beginning of the meeting. There was a quorum present at the beginning of the March Board and Board Corporate meetings. One Board member left the meeting. The vote taken was five to one. If the member had been present it would not affect the outcome of the vote.

Motion by Mr. Schock second by Mr. Stamp to approve the minutes of the Board Corporate meeting 295, March 13, 2007 as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Discussion

Ms. Good asked that the meeting minutes reflect the quorum question and the response for accuracy.

REPORTS

Mr. Penn noted that the Finance Committee did not have a quorum but that he had reviewed the report and recommended approval.

Motion by Mr. Penn, second by Mr. Schock to approve the Chief Financial Officer's Report as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Discussion

Mr. Penn noted the project account balances and that nearly 100% of the funds have been committed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS RESULTING

Finance Committee - Chair William Penn

Motion by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Schock to approve Invoice # 362 in the amount of \$375.00 to B & E Consulting, LLC for CFO Report Preparation. The vote in favor was unanimous

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

RI Public Drinking Water Protection Program - Phase III Update

Mr. Mariscal provided an update on the various projects noting that a closing had been held for the Kingston Water District land acquisition. The QDC land acquisition project is not moving forward. In response to a question, Mr. Mariscal stated that the money would revert; however, he will check with Bond Counsel. Mr. Griffith that all of the Phase III funds have been committed at 100% with the exception of the QDC project for a total percentage 98.56 obligated or expended which he believes is the best yet for the three phases. It was noted that the Board is not yet ready for a phase IV due to the difference between collections and debt service.

There was no new business or other business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Stamp second by Mr. Perry to adjourn at 1:51 pm. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Crawley
Staff Director