



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Water Resources Board Corporate**

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**MINUTES OF BOARD CORPORATE MEETING # 306**  
February 12, 2008

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

**Members Present:**

Daniel W. Varin, Chairman  
William Penn  
Pamela Marchand  
Jesse Rodrigues, Jr.  
Clay Commons for June Swallow\*  
Harold Ward  
Robert Griffith\*  
Alicia Good\* for Mr. Sullivan  
William Stamp, III  
Frank Perry

**Members Absent:**

Ian Morrison  
Richard Mignanelli  
William Parsons\*

**Guests**

July Lewis-Audubon Society RI  
Emily Wild-USGS  
Carissa Richard-Prov Water Supply Board  
Sandra Whitehouse-House Policy

**Staff Present:**

Juan Mariscal., General Manager  
Kathleen Crawley  
Romeo Mendes  
Beverly O'Keefe  
William Rivero

\*Member designee

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Varin called meeting # 306 of the Water Resources Board Corporate to order at 12:07 pm. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Stamp to approve the minutes of January 15, 2008 Board Corporate Meeting #305. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chairman Varin appointed the same four members to the Nominating Committee for the Board Corporate as he did for the Board.

#### 4. REPORTS:

##### A. Chief Financial Officer's Report – January 2008

**Motion** by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Commons to accept the Chief Financial Officer's Report for January 2008 as presented. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS RESULTING:

##### A. FINANCE COMMITTEE - Chair William Penn

###### 1. Water Resources Board Corporate Budget FY 2008 and FY 2009.

Mr. Penn reported that because there is uncertainty with the Governor's proposed budget for 2009, the Finance Committee recommends deferring any action on the item until we get some clarification of what direction we are to go.

There was no objection and the item was deferred.

###### 2. Bond Counsel Opinion Regarding Use of Administrative Fund.

Mr. Penn reported that Bond Counsel issued an opinion at the Board's request stating we can use funds in the administrative fund to employ full or part-time personnel or staff to administer the Water Quality Protection Program, which would include accounting and finance. He stated this item is for information purposes and no action is needed.

###### 3. Public Drinking Water Protection Revenue Bonds, Series 2002 - Administration:

- a) AMTEC Corporation – Request for Continuation of Services for Rebate Computations for the \$11,385,000 Rhode Island Water Resources Board, Corporate Issue, Public Drinking Water Protection Revenue Bonds, Series 2002 - Request for Approval.

Mr. Penn reported this contract extension request is for the next five years at a rate of \$600.00 a year. He stated this is the best company in the country to do this work.

**Motion** by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Stamp to approve the request to extend to the contract for arbitrage rebate. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

###### 4. RI Public Drinking Water Protection Program –

- a) Phase III Summary Report and Close of Program – Request for Acceptance of Report and Authorize General Manager to Close Out Program.

Mr. Penn reported close to all of the funds have been expended and project deadlines have expired so it is time to officially close out the program. He reviewed the summary schedule stating after all three phases of the program we have given out over \$25.4 million of which \$17.8 million has gone for land acquisitions and the rest for water quality projects. He stated these are impressive numbers and the Finance Committee recommends a press release be sent out noting these accomplishments.

**Motion** by Mr. Penn second by Ms. Goode and Mr. Commons to authorize General Manager to Close the Program. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Chairman Varin thanked Mr. Riverso for the work he's done over the three Phases. Mr. Griffith also thanked Mr. Riverso for his work. He reported the last chance effort by QDC to acquire land with their project funds did fall through but to no fault on their efforts or staff's efforts, who both worked diligently to bring the acquisition to fruition. He related it was the Homeowners Association who did make their threshold in terms of their vote to accept the proposal. Mr. Stamp asked how many acres were purchased. Mr. Mariscal stated it was over 2700. Mr. Griffith stated the acreage amount should be reflected in the press release.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. B & E Consulting, LLC, Invoice # 499 – November and December Assistance (November and December CFO Report Preparation) – Total Invoice \$625.00; Requested Payment Amount \$500.00; Recommended Payment: \$500.00 .
- B. Konica Office Products for copier service agreement (Monthly Service/Supply) rendered from 12/01/07 through 01/01/08. Requested payment from Water Resources Board: \$101.40; Recommended Payment: \$101.40; Requested payment from Water Resources Board Corporate: \$67.60; Recommended Payment: \$67.60. Invoice Total \$169.00.

**Motion** by Mr. Stamp second by Ms. Marchand to approve the consent agenda payment items. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

## 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion** by Mr. Commons second by Mr. Perry to adjourn the Board Corporate meeting and return to the Board meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous and carried, the Board Corporate meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Riverso  
Program Services Officer