

The Narragansett Bay Commission  
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### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF:

Meeting of:	CEO Committee Meeting
Date:	October 20, 2004
Time:	10:00 a.m.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent J. Mesolella, NBC Chairman  
Angelo Rotella, Vice Chairman  
Robert Andrade, Treasurer  
Paul Pinault, Executive Director  
Al Montanari  
John MacQueen

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Perkins  
Michael Salvatore  
John Giusti, CEO Chair

#### STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Jean-Marie Grossi, NBC,  
Richard Bernier, NBC  
Cecille Antonelli, NBC  
Paul Nordstrom, NBC  
Brenda Smith, NBC  
Leah Foster, NBC  
Tom Grala, NBC  
Ellen Schwab  
Kim Sandbach, NBC  
Linda Michel, NBC  
Richard Burroughs, Commissioner  
Joseph Kimball, Commissioner  
Richard Oster, Commissioner

Tom Brueckner, NBC  
Karen Giebink, NBC  
Ray Marshall, NBC  
Jamie Samons, NBC  
Clara Casimiro, NBC  
Tom Uva, NBC  
C.M. Grala  
Elizabeth Teixeira, NBC  
Jody Knowlton, NBC  
Lauren Lessuck, NBC  
Joseph Pratt, LBG  
Laurie Kijak, Commissioner

#### 1. Call to Order

Due to the fact that CEO Chairman Giusti was absent, Chairman Mesolella chaired the CEO Committee Meeting. Recognizing a quorum, Chairman Mesolella called the October 20, 2004 CEO Committee Meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes – September 29, 2004

Chairman Mesolella asked if all Committee members had a chance to review the minutes of the September 29, 2004 CEO Committee meeting. Commissioner MacQueen motioned to approve the September 29, 2004 minutes as written. Commissioner Andrade seconded the motion, and the vote taken by the Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

### **3. Items for Action**

*A. Review and Approval of Resolution 2004:31, Recommendation to Fund University of Rhode Island's Bay Modeling Project Proposal*

Mr. Pinault stated that the memo that is included in all Committee members' packets has been slightly revised from the memo that went out in the mailing prior to this meeting. The only change is the funding source. We originally proposed to fund this project out of Contract 109, Nutrient Removal and Other Improvements at Field's Point WWTF, but it was then decided that we should fund this project under Contract 114, River Nutrients Study. Other than that change, there are no other changes to note.

Mr. Pinault noted that URI's Graduate School of Oceanography recently approached the NBC with a proposal to develop models of circulation and transport within the Providence River and Upper Narragansett Bay. This model would simulate the effect of discharges from our treatment facilities, both Field's Point and Bucklin Point, on the receiving waters of Narragansett Bay, which will help us in decision making regarding treatment technologies and construction project alternatives. The model will also allow us to input conditions such as temperature, salinity, oxygen, nutrients and flow, and track these parameters as they flow through the Rivers and Narragansett Bay. He noted that once developed, this model would allow the NBC to predict the effects of the discharges on water quality of Narragansett Bay and would help us develop sound science regarding the evaluations and decisions necessary for our capital projects.

Mr. Pinault stated that staff has reviewed this matter and they recommend approval of Resolution 2004:31 – Revised, Recommendation to Fund University of Rhode Island's Bay Modeling Project Proposal. Commissioner MacQueen motioned to approve Resolution 2004:31 – Revised, Recommendation to Fund University of Rhode Island's Bay Modeling Project Proposal. Commissioner Montanari seconded the motion, and the vote taken by the CEO Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

*B. Review and Approval of Resolution 2004:32, Contract 01:302.11C, Woonasquatucket River Interceptor Relief Project, Recommendation to Increase the Limit for Change Order Requests*

Mr. Pinault stated that Phase I of the CSO Project includes the construction of the tunnel, pump cavern, and there are seven areas where Contractors are installing drop shafts to take the flow from the CSOs and drop them into the tunnel. This particular drop shaft project is being performed by Walsh Construction and is located at the upper end of the tunnel in the Foundry parking lot near Higher Education and Promenade Street, and will divert flow from the Woonasquatucket River Interceptor into the upper end of the CSO tunnel. Several months ago, we came before this Committee with a recommendation to increase the change order request limit for this project. He noted that after we awarded the Contract, we had a series of meetings with the City of Providence, RIDOT, Providence Place Mall, the Foundry, RI Economic Development and others, and we came up with a way to construct the project by leaving one narrow lane open at all times on Promenade Street. That resulted in having to grout the soil and then excavating it, in lieu of driving steel sheeting to support the excavation. Since then, we have had negotiations

with the Contractor for his portion of the work in addition to his subcontractors work. He then asked Mr. Joseph Pratt, Project Manager from Louis Berger Group to explain the rest.

Mr. Pratt stated that they ran into an issue on this site where the soils were more sensitive than had been anticipated, and they were concerned about working around the old existing sewer. There is an active sewer that we have to work around and we do not want to damage that sewer. This has been a very difficult Contractor to work with. Getting them to respond in a timely fashion has been extremely troublesome. The Contractor has asked for a much greater amount of money than LBG is recommending to approve. We have a major difference in the amount of soil/grout and what it is going to cost them to dispose of it. To date, we have half the job done and the amount of soil/grout has been considerably less than he estimated and his costs for disposal has been considerably less. Mr. Pratt stated that he feels confident that the amount of money we are asking for will cover the costs for doing this work. The work is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. He also noted that there are other additional costs, which have not been negotiated yet, and that we will have to address them in the future.

Mr. Pinault stated that this matter has been reviewed by staff and it is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 2004:32, Contract 01:302.11C, Woonasquatucket River Interceptor Relief Project, Recommendation to Increase the Limit for Change Order Requests, in order to keep this project moving forward.

After some discussion, Commissioner Rotella motioned to approve Resolution 2004:32, Contract 01:302.11C, Woonasquatucket River Interceptor Relief Project, Recommendation to Increase the Limit for Change Order Requests. Commissioner MacQueen seconded the motion, and the vote taken by the CEO Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

**4. Other Business**

None.

**5. Adjournment**

Commissioner Salvadore motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Montanari seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Paul Pinault, *Secretary*