CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Chairman Varin called the meeting to order noting that a quorum was present.
Motion by Ms. Swallow second by Mr. Stamp to approve the minutes from Board Meeting #459, May 8, 2007. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

REPORTS
Motion by Mr. Penn, second by Mr. Shock to approve the April 2007 Chief Business Officer’s Report as submitted as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
Chairman Varin stated that he would forgo the Chairman’s report given the lengthy agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT
Mr. Mariscal updated the board on the collection of the Big River Management Area tenant rents. Due to the efforts of Romeo Mendes and Gina Frisby, all tenant payments are up to date and all leases have been signed. He mentioned that one property has become vacant. He introduced the intern that is assisting the board for the summer, Ms. Emily Cousineau who will be entering her
Mr. Mariscal introduced Mr. Robert Breault, USGS Subdistrict Chief & Emily Wild, Hydrologist USGS. They made a presentation and progress report to the Board on the Digital Water Atlas. The atlas provides mapped information collected as part of the water use and availability inventory to be used for water supply planning and water resource management.

PRESENTATION: COALITION FOR WATER SECURITY
Mr. Mariscal introduced Ms. Jane Austin from the Coalition for Water Security. She thanked the board for the opportunity and presented the four policy recommendations of the coalition:
- Protect the resources
- Manage water withdrawals
- Reduce demand
- Permanently protect watersheds

She emphasized the need for streamflow standards, controlling summer water use and efficient water use for industry and agriculture.

Discussion
Mr. Morrison noted that the Coalition’s recommendations mirror the policies and the priorities of the Water Resources Board. There was discussion about the protection of land, the cost of acquisition and next phase of the water quality protection program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Public Drinking Water Protection Committee - Robert Griffith, Chair

Motion by Mr. Schock to issue a notice of first deficiency to the Town of Jamestown for the five year update of the Water Supply System Management Plan. With no second, the motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Griffith second by Mr. Stamp to issue a notice of non compliance to the Town of Jamestown for the five year update of the Water Supply System Management Plan. The motion passed with six in favor and Mr. Schock opposed.

Discussion
Mr. Bruce Keiser, Jamestown Town Administration addressed the board. He felt that portions of the memorandum to the board were misleading. He stated that there was no intent on the Town’s part to extend public water to Jamestown Shores. He stated that they were working on a high groundwater table ordinance and working with RIDEM to address poor water quality issues. He addressed data concerns noting that they bill quarterly and do not have monthly data. He felt that the memo was subjective and that the deficiencies did not rise to the level of non compliance.

Chairman Varin noted that a finding of non compliance allows one year to correct deficiencies. A finding of first deficiency must be addressed within 120 days. Mr. Keiser indicated that 120 days would be sufficient. There was further discussion of the areas that are deficient in the plan. Mr. Mariscal referenced the memorandum and the rules and procedures noting that the criteria are clear and that the areas that need to be addressed are substantive enough to rise to the level of non compliance. A First Deficiency notice requires the board to find that the plan is in substantial compliance with the Water Supply System Management Act and the regulations.
Motion by Mr. Griffith second by Mr. Stamp to approve the Greenville Water District the five-year update of the Water Supply System Management Plan. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Griffith second by Ms. Good to approve the Providence Water Supply Board 30-Month Update Report as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Griffith second by Ms. Good to issue a notice of non compliance to the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for the five year update of the Water Supply System Management Plan. Mr. Morrison amended the motion second by Mr. Stamp to issue a notice of first deficiency rather than non compliance. The motion to issue a notice of first deficiency passed 4 to 3 with Mr. Stamp, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Schock and Mr. Varin in favor and with Ms. Good, Ms. Swallow and Mr. Penn opposed.

Discussion
Mr. Griffith reviewed the request by Pawtucket Water Supply Board to allow a second extension to the one year extension already granted for the preparation of the five-year update. He reviewed the actions of the Public Drinking Water Protection Committee. The Committee, without a quorum present, had, by consensus recommended that the Board grant an exception to policy and grant the additional three-month extension due to the special circumstances. The Committee had noted the staff memorandum citing state law and the rules and procedures which specify that the maximum amount of time for an extension request is one year and staff recommended that a determination of non-compliance be forwarded as required by law to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers for consideration as a complaint. Mr. Griffith noted that his motion differed from the recommendation of the Public Drinking Water Protection Committee. He referenced language that the General Manager had added to the memorandum stating that there is no discretion in the law (RIGL 46-15.3-7.5 (c)) regarding the maximum extension (one year) or the action (non compliance). Mr. Mariscal referenced the memo and the law: There was further discussion about the law, the length of time requested to complete the plan and the difference between non-compliance and a first deficiency.

Motion by Mr. Griffith second by Mr. Schock to grant an extension to the City of East Providence Public Works for the five year update of the Water Supply System Management Plan due no later than August 11, 2007. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Griffith second by Mr. Schock to grant an extension to the City of Warwick Water Department for the five year update of the Water Supply System Management Plan due no later than August 11, 2007. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Griffith second by Mr. Schock to grant an extension to the Smithfield Water Supply Board for the five year update of the Water Supply System Management Plan due no later than September 10, 2007. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Big River Groundwater Development Project Ad Hoc Committee- Jon Schock, Chair.
The committee did not meet.

Finance Committee - Chair William Penn. Mr. Penn noted that the Finance Committee would meet again prior to the end of the fiscal year to review year end expenditures.
Motion by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Schock to approve payment of Invoice #097-000063332 in the amount of $1,165.43 to Allied Waste Services. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Schock to approve payment of $1,395.94 to NetCenergy, LLC for costs associated with the packing & unpacking of the twelve desktop PCs, printers, etc. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Schock to accept the four completed water supplier audits (North Smithfield, Newport, Bristol County, and Kent County) and to pay B & E Consulting, LLC $10,000. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Schock to pay $7,500 for the three audits in progress upon submission and review and approval by staff and the Finance Committee in a meeting to be scheduled prior to the end of the fiscal year. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Discussion
Mr. Bebyn, B&E Consulting presented the audits to the Finance Committee and was available at the Board meeting for questions. Copies of the audits were made available to members.

Motion by Mr. Penn second by Mr. Morrison to pay DEM $2,450.74 for Land Appraisal Consulting Services from 10/15/06 – 04/28/07. The vote was six in favor with Ms. Good abstaining. The motion carried.

Property Committee - Chair Frank Perry

Motion by Mr. Walker second by Mr. Stamp to approve the construction of a deck at 38 Linda Drive, Coventry, RI in Maple Root Village subject to staff review of the site plan and lease. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Walker second by Mr. Stamp to approve the in kind replacement of a mobile home at 1 Park Lane, Coventry, RI subject to certifications and permits including a demolition permit and certification regarding septic disposal and a determination as to whether the matter is subject to State Property Committee action. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Walker second by Mr. Morrison to allow a one day training event (Beginner’s Mountain Bike Skills Clinic) held by the NE Mountain Bike Association with the understanding that this approval does not obligate the board to any future events. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Construction, Engineering and Operations Committee - June Swallow, Chair. The committee did not meet.

Legislative Committee - Chair Daniel W. Varin
Chairman Varin briefly reviewed S 0996, H 6406 Relating to Public Utilities and S 1003, H 6414 Relating to Public Utilities & Carriers-Regulatory Powers of Administration noting that they were provided for information unless the board wished to further discuss them and/or take action. There was no discussion/action taken.
Strategic Committee - Daniel W. Varin, Chair. The committee did not meet.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER BUSINESS
There was no new business or other business to discuss.

RECESS OF BOARD FOR BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS
Without objection, Chairman Varin recessed the board meeting at 2:04 pm.

RETURN FROM BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS and ADJOURNMENT
At 2:13 upon return to the board meeting and with no other business before the board Mr. Griffith made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Stamp and Ms. Swallow. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Crawley
Staff Director