



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Water Resources Board**

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**RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**MEETING #492**

**Monday, October 19, 2009 @ 12:00 Noon**

**Minutes**

**Members Present**

William Penn, Chairman  
Jon Schock  
Pam Marchand  
Alicia Good\*  
Nancy Hess\*  
Michael Walker\*  
Allan Klepper  
Harold Ward  
Jesse Rodrigues  
June Swallow\*

**Members Absent**

Ronnie Gibson  
Samuel Kitchell  
William Stamp III

**Guests Present**

Henry Meyer, KWD  
Charles J. Donovan

**Staff Present**

Kenneth J. Burke, General Manager  
Kathleen Crawley, Staff Director  
Romeo Mendes, Supervising Engineer  
William Rivero, Programming Services Officer  
Peter Duhamel, Principal Planner  
Emily Cousineau, Implementation Aide

\*Member Designees

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Penn called the meeting to order at 12:08p.m., noting that a quorum was present.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Mr. Schock, second by Mr. Klepper to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 Board Meeting # 491. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Penn noted that the new business plan, as discussed at the previous meeting, had been distributed to all board members. He also reported that, of all 45 state agencies, the Water Resources Board was one of fifteen to submit their budgets by the State's deadline.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Motion by Mr. Schock, second by Mr. Rodrigues to approve the Chief Business Officer's Report as amended for September 2009. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Discussion:

Mr. Penn noted two errors in the distributed report: An incorrect date stating "August", rather than "October", and the lack of a reference to footnote #2. A corrected report was distributed.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Burke reported that the Technical Committee recently met to review the South County Wellhead Protection applications. The program continues to aide in stakeholder outreach. In addition, contracts will soon be awarded to well drilling contractors. The committee will review all applications at its November meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

### Allocation Committee

#### Update from the October 16, 2009 meeting

Mr. Ward reported that four categories of water use have been defined in draft form. The most recent meeting focused on defining "Residential Use". In addition, the committee discussed defining an equation to determine the amount of ground water withdrawal appropriate for different areas throughout the state. The DEM representative had noted that data for such an equation is not available and that voluntary reporting would be needed.

Mr. Ward suggested that the Board consider mandatory reporting. Mr. Burke noted that such a mandate could be possible through the authority of various state agencies. Mr. Schock questioned the worth of reports from unmetered sources. He also noted the costs associated with installing new meters.

(12:22pm – Ms. June Swallow enters)

Mr. Burke concluded that the committee needs to examine the amount of metered water use versus unmetered.

In addition, Mr. Ward reported that the committee is close to completing a document that defines the components of the program.

Chairman Penn requested that Mr. Ward develop a relative time table that reflects when each of the Allocation Committee's responsibilities, as defined by the greater business plan, would be completed.

## **RECESS OF BOARD FOR BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS**

Motion by Mr. Rodrigues, second by Ms. Marchand to recess the Board Meeting and start the Board Corporate Meeting at 12:27\_p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

## **RETURN FROM BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS**

Motion by Ms. Marchand, second by Ms. Good to return from Board Corporate to the Board meeting at 12:29\_p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

## **OPEN CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGL SECTION 42-46-5(a)(5): Acquisition or Lease of Real Property for Public Purposes**

Motion by Mr. Schock, second by Ms. Swallow to go into Executive Session in accordance with RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(5), for a matter related to property acquisition.

Mr. Penn called for the vote. The following roll call vote was taken:

Mr Schock – yes  
Mr. Rodrigues – yes  
Ms. Marchand – yes  
Ms. Good – yes  
Mr. Ward – yes  
Ms. Hess – yes  
Mr. Klepper – yes  
Ms. Swallow – yes

And Chairman Penn voted yes. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

The Board proceeded into executive session at 12:29 p.m.

### **RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board returned from executive session at 1:26 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Schock, second by Mr. Rodrigues to adjourn the executive session and adopt the consensus derived therein:

The staff will begin to develop a strategy to disinvest the Water Resources Board from the properties in question. Each property will require individual consideration.

Motion by Mr. Rodrigues, second by Ms. Swallow to seal the minutes of the Executive Session until such time as all matters are resolved. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Schock, second by Ms. Hess to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emily Cousineau  
Implementation Aide

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