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**RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING #511**

**Monday, April 18, 2011 @ 1:00 PM**

**RI Economic Development Corporation**

**315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101**

**Providence, RI 02908**

**MINUTES**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
William Penn, Chairman Pamela Marchand, Vice-Chair Thomas Boving Janet Coit Kevin Flynn Susan Licardi Jon Schock Bill Stamp, III June Swallow Jesse Rodrigues Michael Walker* Harold Ward	Michael Defrancesco Samuel Kitchell Ronnie Gibson
<b>Staff Present</b> Kenneth J. Burke, P.E., General Manager Emily J. Cousineau, Implementation Aide	<b>Guests</b> Jeff Black, self Shannon Brawley, RINLA Beverly Clay, Operation Clean Gov. Pasquale DeLise, Bristol County Water Charles Donovan, House Policy Committee Alicia Good, RI DEM Pat Hogan, RINLA John M. Jannitto, Bristol County Water Henry Meyer, Kingston Water & RIWWA M. Peterson, East Bay Patriots Karen Rogers, WRB Intern Bill Rupp, Patch Media

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Penn called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, noting that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Schock, second by Ms. Swallow to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting dated March 21, 2011. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Penn noted that he and the General Manager had met with the new director of DEM, Ms. Janet Coit. He welcomed her to the Board. Mr. Penn asked for comments from the public. Upon request, however, Mr. Penn noted that comments would be allowed during subsequent agenda topics.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Chief Business Officer's Report

Motion by Mr. Penn, second by Mr. Walker to approve the Chief Business Officer's Report for March 2011. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

Bristol County Water Authority Surcharge Audit

Motion by Mr. Penn, second by Mr. Walker to accept the Bristol County surcharge audit report. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Burke reported on the success of the Earth Day Cleanup event, held on April 16, 2011. Over 150 volunteers participated and 12 dumpsters of debris were removed from the Big River Management Area.

With regard the BRMA Divestment Plan, Mr. Burke noted that the National Guard and local fire departments would be providing demolition assistance in exchange for having the structures used for training purposes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

Bristol County Water Authority "Master Plan"

Motion by Mr. Flynn, second by Ms. Swallow to approve that Bristol County Water Authority pursue the permitting process under the \$6.9 Million allocated by law. Further, that Board approval of the Authority's master plan be deferred until more information is available. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

Discussion:

Chairman Penn stated that, after meeting with Mr. Richard Licht and reviewing the Bristol County legislation, it is the Administration's position that the State is obligated to \$6.9 Million, only, and that \$5 Million of that amount is allocated for the Shad Factory Pipeline.

Mr. Flynn made the motion, seconded by Ms. Swallow, to approve the BCWA plan submitted to the Board at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with the three recommendations of the General Manager. The Board entered open discussion of the motion.

Mr. Gary Morse, of Operation Clean Government, submitted written comments to the Board for the record. Mr. Morse read the contents of his letter to the Board. Upon conclusion, he requested that the BCWA plan be rejected until the concerns of his organization were addressed.

Mr. Flynn asked if a \$6.9 Million might only cover a portion of the project costs. Mr. Burke answered that was possible. Ms. Swallow addressed Mr. Janito, Chairman of BCWA, in regards to his thoughts on that matter. Mr. Janito stated that the Authority would accept the allocated \$6.9 Million and incur additional cost over runs.

Mr. Jeff Black submitted written comments to the Board for the record. Mr. Black read the contents of his letter to the Board.

Additional members of the public voiced concerns for the East Bay interconnection's functionality, funds expended to date, and the validity of cost estimates.

In response to a question from DEM Director Coit, Mr. Burke stated that the Board's approval of the plan would insure funding and allow BCWA to pursue necessary permits, including those with Rehobeth.

Mr. Flynn withdrew his motion. Ms. Swallow withdrew her second.

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Revised Lawn Watering Policy

Motion by Mr. Rodrigues, second by Mr. Schock to approve the "Lawn Watering Guidelines" as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

Discussion:

Members of the Board noted specific word choices to the Staff. Ms. Brawley, of the RI Nurseries & Landscape Association, stated that the content had been widely researched. Mr. Schock offered that the document be referred to as "guidelines" rather than a "policy" document.

**RECESS OF BOARD FOR BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS**

Motion by Mr. Rodrigues, second by Ms. Swallow, to recess the Board meeting and being the Board Corporate meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried and the Board recessed for Board Corporate business at 2:36 pm.

**RETURN FROM BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS**

Motion by Mr. Stamp, second by Mr. Walker to adjourn the Board Corporate meeting and reconvene the Board meeting. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried and the Board reconvened at 2:42 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. Rodrigues, to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried and the Board adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emily J. Cousineau  
Implementation Aide