



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Water Resources Board**
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**RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES#521
Friday, June 15, 2012
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**RI Department of Administration
One Capital Hill, Providence RI
Conference Room C, 2nd Floor**

Members Present

Thomas Boving
Kevin Flynn
Alicia Good*
Pamela Marchand – Chair
Michael Walker*
Harold Ward
Ronnie Gibson - Vice Chair
Susan Licardi
Michael Fine (later represented by Clay Commons)
Michael DeFrancesco

Members Absent

Jon Schock
William Stamp, III
Jesse Rodrigues

Guests

Ames Colt, BRWCT
Peter Pallozzi, Providence Water Supply Board
Eugenia Marks, Audubon Society of RI

Staff Present

Kenneth J. Burke, P.E., General Manager
Kathleen Crawley, Staff Director
Romeo Mendes, P.E., Supervising Engineer

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Chairperson Marchand called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 AM

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes

WRB Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2012 and May 18, 2012 were presented. Motion to approve both meeting minutes made by S. Licardi, seconded by H. Ward. Under discussion, M. DeFrancesco clarified that he was present at the April 20, 2012 meeting, but not in attendance at the May 18, 2012 meeting. Motion was amended to reflect M. DeFrancesco's attendance. *Unanimous approval.*

AGENDA ITEM #3: Chair Report

Discussion regarding Big River Management area mountain bike tour with representatives from WRB staff and RINEMBA. *No vote taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #4: General Manager's Report

Ken Burke reported that staff was rolling out the Lawn Maintenance Guideline PR program, review of Big River Management Area signage, and tenant leases. *No vote taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #5 A – Drought Steering Committee (DCS)

WRB staff gave brief update and concluded that conditions are reasonably normal. *No vote taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #5 B: Technical Committee

WSSMP review update given by staff (no action taken).

Discussion of City of Woonsocket new water treatment facility request for approval. Staff are working with RIDOA Legal to draft a Consent Agreement. *No vote taken.*

BCWA/East Providence Emergency Interconnection request for approval. Motion to approve request for 50% reimbursement for engineering design made by M. DeFrancesco, seconded by R. Gibson, P. Marchand abstained. *Unanimous approval.*

Discussion of Water Availability initiative by WRB staff. WRB staff have preliminary information and are working on an RFP, including a focus on HAP and Chipuxet basins. *No vote taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #5 C: Finance Committee

WRB staff presented the FY 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 31, 2014) Capital Budget, including 5-year preview. Motion to approve capital plan as submitted, including supplemental request for \$340,000 for RICAP for FY13, read by P. Marchand. Motion to approve by R. Gibson, second by A. Goode, K. Flynn abstained. *Unanimous approval.*

WRB staff provide brief FY 2013 Budget update. *No vote taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #6: Adjournment

Motion by M. Walker, second by J. Swallow. *Unanimous approval.*

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth J. Burke, P.E.
General Manager