

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

SENIOR CENTER, WARREN TOWN HALL, WARREN, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Saviano at 6:05 pm, in the Senior Center, Warren Town Hall, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Bert Anger, William Lavey, Jr., Ian Morrison, Joseph Rego, John Saviano, Frank Sylvia, John Veader

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 9, 2005, be and hereby are approved.

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VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2005, be and hereby are approved.

Motion passed 7 - 1. Director Veader abstained.

AUDIT/FINANCE

Old Business, Director Anger reported:

- 1. Status of Water Resources Board Grant Requests, Executive Director to make presentation before RIWRB on 4/12/05. Request for the amount of \$61,400 approved by RIWRB on 3/8/05.**

- 2. Ordinance to Install Curb-to-Curb Paving, Director Sylvia stated he had spoken to Mr. Serbst, Bristol Public Works Director who will be providing BCWA by January 2006 with a list of streets Town will be paving in 2006.**

- 3. BCWA Bristol Office, no news at this time.**

- 4. Watershed Protection Program, Meeting with legal counsel held on 4/12/05 to discuss land acquisition. Executive Director DeLise stated the land will be taken by eminent domain and a survey of the land is needed.**

Director Jannitto arrived at 6:10 pm.

5. Pezzullo Avenue, Barrington, Emergency Installation of Water Main, Bills for \$46,986.55 submitted to DOT on 2/7/05, however reimbursement not yet received.

6. Senior Citizen Discount, The following Agencies have been contacted to date and they have no senior citizen discount: Portsmouth, East Providence, Kent County and Providence.

Director Sylvia questioned if a response had been received from the Ethics Commission. Executive Director DeLise stated no response had been received. Director Rego stated that this item should be taken off the agenda. Item to stay on the agenda until BCWA hears from the Ethics Commission.

7. Cost of Legal Services, Total approximately \$2,350. Director Sylvia stated item should stay on the agenda until a BCWA has a final cost.

New Business

1. FY05 Audit (For Information Only), Audit in progress.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL

Old Business, Director Veader reported:

1. Recent Correspondence from the Town of Warren – Request of Executive Director to Attend Public Hearing (for Information Only), Item to be taken off the agenda.

2. BCWA Organization Expansion, Meeting with legal counsel held on April 12, 2005. Executive Director DeLise stated he spoke to legal counsel, Ms. Sandra Mack, and asked her to investigate if BCWA can be a public company in another state.

3. 2005 Poster and Essay Contest (for Information Only), Essays and Poster not yet judged. Director Veader stated that 117 essays had been received. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: Approve an extra \$50.00 for a second First Place winner.

4. RI State Science and Engineering Fair, Director Sylvia thanked Ms. Susan Andrade, a judge at the Science Fair, for representing BCWA.

New Business

1. Added Business: Tape Recording of BCWA Meetings, Chairman Saviano stated he has requested from a State Agency if he can record BCWA meetings. Director Veader stated that recording of meetings should be done by Staff. Chairman Saviano made the following motion, which was duly seconded

MOTION: Staff to tape record all sub committee and board meetings and Staff to keep tapes at headquarters.

Motion failed 2-3-3. Voting Aye Chairman Saviano and Director Veader. Voting Nay Directors Morrison, Sylvia and Jannitto. Abstaining Directors Anger, Lavey and Rego.

ENGINEERING

Old Business, Director Morrison reported:

1. WTP Project Update, Executive Director DeLise stated that all applicable water quality standards have been met at the Plant. Approval has not been received by DOH for the past two weeks. DOH wants to do a Sanitary Survey and Performance Inspection.

Director Sylvia stated the Executive Director should contact our elected officials concerning DOH. The following motion was duly made and seconded

MOTION: If BCWA does not receive a letter by Monday, April 18, 2005 from DOH outlining why they are sending us a Sanitary Survey and Performance Inspection on Improvements at the Plant, the Board authorizes the Executive Director to call Senator Felag and Representative Malik to alert them of the upcoming problem.

Director Sylvia made the following amendment to the motion

Amendment: Contact the elected officials by phone only.

Director Sylvia withdrew the motion.

Consensus of the Board was for the Executive Director DeLise to speak to Representative Malik.

2. Shad Pipeline, RFP completed and issued. RFP approval received from RIWRB on 4/1/05. Pre-proposal conference April 15, 2005. Proposals due May 10, 2005.

3. Matters related to Back-Flow Prevention Control, Committee recommends to bring in an expert to make a presentation on this matter. Director Sylvia stated that Manager of Customer and Commercial Services, Mr. Joseph Granata, was our in-house expert who has informed the Board about back-flow devices. If some Board member does not want to hear what our expert has to say, then we get another expert. This is a slap in the face to Joe.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

1. Public Relations/Personnel Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.

2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 4, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.

3. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.

4. Annual Meeting (Continued), Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Thursday, May 26, 2005, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers, Barrington Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

William J. Lavey, Jr.

BCWA Secretary