

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

Thursday, October 12, 2006

450 CHILD STREET, WARREN OFFICE, BOARD ROOM, 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 Anger at 6:00 pm, in the Warren Office, Board Room, 450 Child Street, Warren Rhode Island. Present were Mr. Bruce Lackey from Badger Meter and Ms. Sandra Mack, Legal Counsel from Hinckley Allen & Snyder. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Bert Anger, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Ian Morrison, Joseph Rego, John Saviano, Frank Sylvia, John Veader

Director Absent – William Lavey

Chairman Anger introduced Mr. Bruce Lackey from Badger Meter. Mr. Lackey, Northeast Support Manager, made a presentation to the Board concerning new meter technology. The new meters and bases

will be compatible to our current equipment. New software and training will be needed. Prices for the new meters will be guaranteed for one year.

Chairman Anger introduced BCWA's legal counsel Ms. Sandra Mack.

1. Lawsuit with the Town of Swansea, Ms. Mack discussed the ongoing 5 year lawsuit to prevent a 16 lot subdivision development. All options have been exhausted and it would be reasonable for BCWA to withdraw. Ms. Mack stated that BCWA should withdraw from the land court litigation.

Director Rego made the following motion which was duly seconded

MOTION: Take advice of counsel and act accordingly.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. BCWA Plat 31, Lot 313, Kent Street, Barrington. Ms. Mack discussed the steps that need to be taken to proceed with the sale of the property. The property is assessed at \$65,000. BCWA must decide on a bid process or use of a realtor to sell the property.

Executive Director DeLise stated that he will contact Mr. Peter Scotti and obtain a quote to appraise the property.

3. East Providence Emergency Pump Station. Ms. Mack and BCWA have met with East Providence and Camp Dresser and McKee. Additional testing of station will be paid by East Providence. Access to the property will be solely for testing of the station.

4. Warren Sewer. Court hearing postponed to November 29, 2006. Ms. Mack stated that she has not received any news for them. BCWA has continued to make payments for their sludge removal and Warren Sewer has not cashed any checks.

AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Old Business, Director Sylvia reported:

1. Status of Water Resources Board Grant Requests, RIWRB approved requisition for \$46,274.94 on 10/3/06 towards engineering/design of a new Shad Pipeline.

2. Meter Replacement Program, Director Rego made the following motion, which was duly seconded

MOTION: To adopt the 5-year Plan for meter replacement, as presented.

Director Rego stated that this plan was for Badger Meter. Staff has recommended Badger Meter. Director Saviano stated that he would be voting against the motion, if new technology were to come along, BCWA could not change.

Motion passed 7 – 1. Director Saviano opposed.

Director Rego made the following motion which was duly seconded

Motion: To approve purchase of additional 300 meter modules to be paid for out o \$46,274.94 due to BCWA from the RIWRB, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2006, be approved.

Motion passed 7 - 1. Director Morrison abstained.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Old Business, Director Veader reported:

1. Staff Annual MBO's, Committee recommends to approve salary increase for employees not affected by salary-range limits. The following motion was duly made and seconded

Motion: To approve salary increases as recommended by the Executive Director for all employees not affected by salary range maximum limit.

Director Sylvia stated he was not in favor of the amount of the percent increase. BCWA has spent a lot of money on the water treatment plant and a 3% raise is adequate for employees. The money is in the budget but we do not have to spend it.

Director Klepper stated that the Board had never changed a recommendation made by the Executive Director.

Motion passed 7 – 1. Director Sylvia voted nay.

2. Salary Ranges, Committee recommends to eliminate max limits on salary ranges. The following motion was duly made and seconded

Motion: To eliminate maximum limit on salary ranges for all non-union personnel.

Director Klepper questioned if salary ranges were to be removed temporarily or permanently.

Director Veader stated that ranges give the Board guidelines to follow but maximum limits should be eliminated.

Motion passed 7 –1. Director Saviano voted nay.

The following motion was duly made and seconded

Motion: To approve salary increases as recommended by the Executive Director for the four employees whose caps were exceeded under former maximum limits.

Director Rego made the following amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Director Klepper

Amendment: Two employees last year who were over max limit, bonus to be added to their pay, percent to include bonus.

Amendment passed unanimously.

Motion passed 7 – 1. Director Sylvia voted nay.

New Business

1. Poster Contest – Award of printing contract, Committee recommends approval. The following motion was duly made and seconded

MOTION: To award contract to low bidder, 136 Express of Bristol at a price of \$1,650 for 300 calendars.

Motion passed 7 – 1. Director Saviano opposed.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Director Klepper reported:

Old Business

- 1. Shad Pipeline, RIWRB approved requisition of \$42,000 on 9/26/06.**
- 2. A meeting was held with members of the Anawan Club and they made several requests of the BCWA. BCWA to respond by December 31, 2006.**

Executive Director DeLise stated that RIWRB would hold a workshop on October 26, 2006 at 1:30 pm to discuss potential changes to the water quality protection surcharge program.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Public Relations/Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 5:30 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 3. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 9, 2006, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 4. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2006,**

6:00 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

William J. Lavey, Jr.
BCWA Secretary