

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

**Thursday, October 11, 2007**

**450 Child Street, Warren Office, Boardroom, Warren, RI**

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**Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Acting Chairman Jannitto at 6:05 pm, in the Warren Office, Boardroom, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:**

**William Gosselin, John Jannitto, Ian Morrison, John Saviano, John Veader**

**Directors Absent – John McElroy, Allan Klepper, Frank Sylvania, Joseph Rego**

**HOUSEKEEPING**

**Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of September 18, 2007, be approved.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2007, be approved.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the Executive Session of September 18, 2007, be approved.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the Executive Session of October 3, 2007, be approved.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the Executive Sessions of September 18, 2007 and October 3, 2007, be sealed.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Acting Chairman Jannitto introduced Mr. Bob Bostian from Benefit**

**Management. Mr. Bostian reported to the Board on the BCWA Pension Plan.**

## **AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Director Saviano reported:**

### **Old Business**

- 1. Status of Water Resources Board Grant Requests, at RIWRB Committee Meeting of October 3, 2007 refund to BCWA of \$21,659 was approved unanimously.**
- 2. RI Clean Water Finance Agency Loan Application, the public notice has been issued.**

### **New Business**

- 1. Commercial Customers Deposit for Water Service, Committee requests Staff to make recommendation to revise amount of customer deposit for commercial services. Committee also requests Staff to look at residential customer deposit amount. Item to be discussed at November meetings.**
- 2. Legal Costs, Committee requests that in addition to legal, Staff requests hourly rate of pay for all other consultants currently working on BCWA matters. It was pointed out that consultants other than legal generally work by a predefined contract for a set price. It was discussed whether or not legal services should be engaged only after a Board vote. Vice Chairman Rego stated that BCWA should not have**

been involved with the Swansea Development matter. Director Saviano disagreed. Committee to discuss whether or not legal counsel should review BCWA Committee Meetings reports.

Executive Director DeLise stated that he had received the requested information from Legal Counsel Sandra Mack which would be handed out to the Directors during Executive Session.

## **ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**

**Director Morrison reported:**

### **Old Business**

1. WTP Project Update, RIWRB meetings of 10/3 and 10/11/07, P. DeLise to attend. RFP for Phase II Plant Study/Evaluation to be prepared for December 2007 Public Notice.

2. Kickemuit Reservoir Fish Ladder, Committee consensus is to attempt to recuperate financial loss during plant shutdown due to collapse of temporary dam. Executive Director DeLise stated that he had received a check for \$73,331.00 from Ms. Mahar, Warren Town Hall.

**The following motion was made and seconded**

**MOTION: To attempt to recoup financial loss of \$18,600 using the good offices of BCWA.**

**Executive Director DeLise explained that a porter-dam collapsed during a storm and allowed salt water to enter the reservoir.**

**Acting Chairman Jannitto stated that the consensus of the Board was to pay Charter minus the \$18,600. Therefore no motion is needed.**

**Motion was withdrawn.**

**Director Saviano stated that we should pay Charter Environmental the full amount, they came and repaired the porta-dam without charging BCWA.**

**3. Shad Pipeline, Allan Silbovitz presented a brief summary of events concerning local permits. After attempting to no avail to obtain permits from Rehoboth for approximately five months, it was decided to work with Swansea only. Obtaining permits in Swansea would potentially give BCWA some leverage in Rehoboth as well. Meeting scheduled with Bob Marquis on 10/12/07 [Acting Chairman Jannitto and P. DeLise].**

**4. Policy for Tank Inspection, bidding specifications for rehabilitation of Metacom Avenue Tank being prepared.**

**5. Water Pressure Workshop, Bristol 2/7/07, RFP for the preparation/development of BCWA Hydraulic Model, in final review. Staff met with ISO on September 27, 2007 which is evaluating**

**insurance classification for the Town of Bristol.**

**5. Water Supply System Management Plan, one deficiency noted, 120 days to remediate.**

### **New Business**

**1. Added Item: Routine Chemical Sampling (for Information Only), sample taken by Providence Water at BCWA Meter Station in Columbia Park in Providence resulted positive. Additional samples at Meter Station and at Nayatt Station in Barrington taken by Providence Water and BCWA respectively over the weekend of 10/6/07 resulted negative.**

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Director Veader reported:**

#### **Old Business**

**1. RI Hearings on Drinking Water Issues, 2007 Session of RIGA, Summary Report of Water-Related Legislation. Item to be discussed at November meetings.**

**2. Essay Contest, comments/suggestions from Board for future Essay contests. Committee decided to continue the contest**

#### **New Business**

**1. WARNS – Mutual Aid Agreement, Staff recommends to participate in the program. Board to authorize Executive Director to sign**

**Agreement. Director Saviano stated that he would like to discuss this further at the November meetings. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously**

**VOTED: To table this item to the November meetings.**

**Director Veader made the following motion**

**MOTION: To enter into Executive Session in preparation for union negotiations under RIGL 42-46.5.**

**Roll Call Vote all present vote aye.**

**The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:20 pm.**

**The Board returned to open session at 8:05 pm.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.**

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**John L. McElroy, Jr.**

**Secretary**