

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

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

450 Child Street, Warren Office, 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 Jannitto at 6:00 pm, 450 Child Street, Warren Office, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

David Dugan, William Gosselin, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, John McElroy, Jr., Lloyd Matsumoto, Joseph Rego, Frank Sylvia

Director Absent – Frank Nencka

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10,

2009, be approved.

Motion passed 7 – 1, Director Klepper abstained.

AUDIT FINANCE

Director Sylvia reported:

New Business

1. Quarterly Charge-Offs, Committee recommends approval, as presented. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve charge-offs in the amount of \$9,461.07, as presented.

2. Audit Services, FY10 – FY12, Contract Award, Committee recommends to award low bidder, as presented. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To Award low bidder, Cayer Caccia, of Warwick, RI, for providing Audit Services at a total price of \$42,000, as presented, and as follows: Year 2010 - \$13,750, Year 2011 - \$14,000, Year 2012 - \$14,250.

The Chair recognized Mr. Webster Goodwin, Manager of MIS and Accounting. Mr. Goodwin handed out the proposed FY11 O&M Budget and informed the Board that there was a 1.9% increase over

last year O&M. The biggest increase was for chemical costs.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Director McElroy reported:

Old Business

1. Construction Progress Reports, Hope Storage Tank back in service as of 11/25/09. Metacom Storage Tank scheduled to go back in service as of 12/15/09. Bayview Tank Rehabilitation tentatively scheduled to begin February 15, 2009.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richard Fennessy, Assistant Engineer who stated that the Roger Williams University Tank was being sandblasted and primed, inside and out.

Executive Director DeLise stated that the Bay View Tank is tentatively scheduled to be taken out of service on February 15, 2010. BCWA will run a test for a few days with the tank off-line, and then a two week test will be done before that date.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Director Gosselin reported:

New Business

1. Booster Pump Grant Program, Some discussion by Board members, different ideas for potential changes to existing BCWA policy. Staff was requested to estimate approximate number of houses in low pressure areas.

Executive Director DeLise – homes built on high elevations do not have enough pressure. There are potentially 2,200 homes with pressure below 30 psi. 270 homes have been reimbursed \$200 for their booster pumps. It is not the responsibility of the water company to supply pressure. BCWA has to meet EPA standards for water quality, the pressure across the system is adequate. Developers are informed of low pressure areas.

Director Rego stated he had a concern about customers in low pressure areas who were not notified about the booster pump program. The following motion was duly made and seconded

MOTION: Increase the Booster Pump Program from \$200 to \$600 and permit 2 booster pumps per address for all homes that were not notified that they needed a booster pump effective March 1, 2010.

Director McElroy questioned the reason for this motion if the Authority can't fund it.

Director Klepper made the following motion

MOTION: To table the motion until the Board received a copy of the map.

Director Klepper withdrew his motion to table.

Motion failed 5 – 3. Voting Nay, Chairman Jannitto, Directors Klepper, McElroy, Gosselin and Matsumoto. Voting Aye, Directors Sylvia, Rego and Dugan.

Chairman Jannitto stated he met with the Warren Town Council concerning the conference at Roger Williams University concerning the boil water advisory. The consensus was for BCWA to take the initiative to get everyone together, and discuss the issue.

Executive Director DeLise stated that Warren Fire Chief Gallinelli was getting information on Reverse 911.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January , 2010, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 6, 2010, 5:20 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 3. Personnel/Retirement Committee Meeting, Wednesday January 6, 2010, 5:25 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 4. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 2010,**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

John L. McElroy, Jr.

Secretary