

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

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

**450 Child Street, Warren Office, 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 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, Lloyd Matsumoto, Frank Nencka, Joseph Rego, Frank Sylvania**

**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 December 9, 2009, be approved.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **AUDIT FINANCE**

**Director Sylvia reported:**

### **New Business**

**1. Water Rate Structure Analysis, Director Sylvia stated that if BCWA does not raise its rates then we will go into default on its bonds.**

**Director McElroy arrived at 6:05 pm.**

**Director Sylvia stated that it was not necessary to have Legal Counsel present at the public hearing.**

**2. FY11 O&M Budget, item to be voted on in February.**

**Director Gosselin stated that the proposed rate increase of 9% may not be enough because of the Bond rating. Director Sylvia stated that if 9% is not enough then BCWA will have a problem at the end of the year and could default on our Bonds.**

**The Chair recognized Mr. Webster Goodwin, Manager of Accounting and MIS, who stated that because of our billing procedure we know our cash collections in December. If we see another very wet season, then we may have to raise rates again.**

**Director Dugan asked if a 9% increase was adequate. Executive**

**Director DeLise stated that 9% is the bare minimum, but I would feel more comfortable with 12%.**

**Director Klepper stated that he was not in favor of a 12% increase, if necessary rates can be increased in mid term.**

**Executive Director DeLise stated that BCWA needs a \$750,000 loan to finish projects.**

**Director Sylvia stated that in February a rate increase has to be approved, 9% to 12%. 12% is not acceptable to me.**

**A consensus was taken of the Board, with the majority favoring 9% rate increase. Newspaper advertisement will state 9 – 12% increase.**

**Director Sylvia asked that the advertisement should go to all town council members.**

## **ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**

**Director McElroy reported:**

**Old Business**

**1. Storage Tank Rehabilitation, Metacom Ave. tank was put back in service on 1/12.**

**Director Klepper asked if Roger Williams University would be putting their logo on the tank. Director Rego stated it is a problem because**

of the sign ordinance in Bristol. Executive Director DeLise stated that this will be part of the agreement with the University.

### **New Business**

1. **FY11 Capital Budget, Item continued to the Special Meeting, 2/3/10.**

Chairman Jannitto stated that he had received a call from the Warren Housing Authority and they want to erect a gazebo over our water easement.

Executive Director DeLise stated that they can't put a gazebo over our easement, BCWA has to be able to get access to its pipe in an emergency.

The consensus of the Board was to have the gazebo moved.

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

Director Gosselin reported:

#### **New Business**

1. **New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) State Leadership Award (for Information Only), on December 10, 2009, at Narragansett, Rhode Island, this award was presented by NEWWA to BCWA Engineering Technician Susan Andrade. Director Gosselin stated that Susan is an asset to BCWA and all other water companies in New England.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.**

## **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 5:20 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 3. Personnel/Retirement Committee Meeting, Wednesday February 3, 2010, 5:25 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 4. Public Hearing, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 5. Board of Directors Special Meeting, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 6. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.**

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**John L. McElroy, Jr.**

**Secretary**