

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

**Wednesday, November 13, 2013
450 Child Street, Boardroom, Warren, RI**

Pursuant to proper notice, the Board Meeting of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Klepper at 6:00 pm, 450 Child Street, Boardroom, Warren, Rhode Island.

Executive Director Pamela Marchand, Legal Counsel and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Robert Allio, Paul Bishop, William Gosselin, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Georgina Macdonald, Raymond Palmieri, Sr., Frank Sylvia

Directors Absent: Bradford Louison

1. Public Input – None

2. CDM-Smith, Pawtucket Alternate Supply

Executive Director P. Marchand stated she is asking for the Board's approval for CDM-Smith to provide a study for the mixing and control station for Pawtucket and Providence water supplies and for the chemical addition at Nayatt Rd. pump station. This proposal has been submitted to the RIWRB, for matching funds, and is on their agenda for approval. A pre-fab station may need to be constructed in East Providence. Total cost for the study is \$29,500 with BCWA's portion \$14,750.

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Jannitto

MOTION: To approve BCWA's portion of cost of study, \$14,750, with the State funding the remaining 50%.

Chairman Klepper questioned if the proposal is to be completed in 75 days, how can BCWA be able to go out to bond.

Executive Director P. Marchand stated she has given the state a \$2 million estimate on the cost of the project.

Director Palmieri stated that according to his information, the East Providence Council is not fully aware of all the facts concerning the financing and construction of the pipeline.

Chairman Klepper stated that he will contact the East Providence Council President.

Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director P. Marchand introduced Susan Rabideau, BCWA's Project Engineering Manager.

Executive Director P. Marchand stated she attended the PUC hearing today before the Commission on the Providence Water rate increase. Under an agreement with the Division of the PUC, the wholesale rate increase would be 2%, down from 32%, which must be approved by the PUC Commission. 2% represents a \$38,000 rate increase for BCWA.

3. Poppasquash Road, Phase II

Executive Director P. Marchand stated she had met with Bristol Town Council. The cost of replacing the new water main will be \$766,000 vs. cleaning and lining the main for \$469,000.

BCWA's portion would be 62% to replace the main and the town's portion would be 38%. Council asked if BCWA would consider contributing more money to the project.

Director Sylvia stated that capital projects, with allocated funds, have been set for the next 10 years. If more was to be allocated to Poppasquash, other projects would need to be reduced or delayed.

Bristol would consider cleaning and lining the main only, with zero cost for the town, stated the Executive Director. If that is the case, we have other projects which are of a higher priority, as the present pipe provides sufficient domestic supply. We would most likely put off the cleaning and lining for a few years.

Director Macdonald made the following motion seconded by Director Palmieri

MOTION: To instruct the Executive Director to meet with the Town Council and indicate that the Board has discussed this issue, BCWA has a procedure in place and it has monies budgeted, 62% (2104 Budget), to cover the cleaning and lining.

Motion passed 7 – 1, Director Sylvia voting Nay.

Director Jannitto made the following motion seconded by Director Bishop.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Allan C. Klepper
Chairman