

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

**Wednesday, July 9, 2014
450 Child Street, Boardroom, Warren, RI**

Pursuant to proper notice, the Special 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 Joseph Keough and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Paul Bishop, William Gosselin, Joel Hellmann, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Bradford Louison, Georgina Macdonald, Raymond Palmieri, Sr., Frank Sylvia

Directors Absent: None

1. Public Input - None

2. Minutes

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Bishop

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 6/25/14 Board Meeting.

Director Macdonald made an amendment to the minutes.

Director Sylvia amended the motion seconded by Director Bishop.

Motion for the amendment passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes passed unanimously, as amended.

3. RFP Award for (up to) \$9,000,000 Bond for Capital Projects

The Chairman introduced BCWA's Bond Counsel S. Mack.

Finance Manager M. Champagne stated that 3 bids were received with TD Bank having the lowest rates.

S. Mack explained BCWA will be getting its money up front with this loan which will allow BCWA to pay for a series of projects. Interest rate will be about 2.69%, total fees will be known at the signing of the loan. Principal payments will begin 2 years after loan is signed, with 2 years capitalized interest.

Director Gosselin made the following motion seconded by Director Hellmann

MOTION: To adopt Resolution, as presented, according to the terms as specified.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Bid Award – Anawan Dam Construction Work

Executive Director P. Marchand stated that 4 bids were received with MAS Building and Bridge, Inc. having the lowest bid. BCWA has been working with Anawan and Pare Engineers for needed construction work – FEMA, maintenance work and capital improvements required by the State of MA. Pare Engineering sent a letter stating that they had other working relationships with MAS Building and Bridge, Inc. Joe Keough said he reviewed and did not find any conflict.

Director Jannitto made the following motion seconded by Director Sylvia

MOTION: To award MAS Building and Bridge Inc., at a cost of \$477,677.50, as presented.

Executive Director P. Marchand stated that the RIWRB has been notified of this bid and the State's liable portion will be about \$350,000. Construction will begin in September with completion in 30 days.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Trihalomethane Laboratory Analysis

Executive Director P. Marchand stated that BCWA has begun using a different laboratory. We are considering sending out a letter to the public in mid-August explaining that BCWA may exceed the next TTHM testing requirements (due to a laboratory discrepancy) and explaining that the water is safe. Board recommended that Town Councils be notified of the possible violation.

6. Pawtucket Pipeline Project

Chairman Klepper stated he had spoken to Representative Gallison. The Representative had prior commitments and could not attend tonight's meeting. The Representative also said that Providence Representatives were against passage of Article 5, they would be losing revenue from BCWA. The Representative is in favor of the project and is willing to discuss the different possibilities with Board members. We must move forward in a positive way.

Director Jannitto stated that BCWA needs a second source of water, the most logical option is to get the water from Pawtucket. If we must do it alone then we will connect to Pawtucket without connecting to East Providence.

Director Macdonald stated that BCWA needs a parallel path – with East Providence and without East Providence.

Chairman Klepper stated that the pipe may be smaller if East Providence does not wish tie in to it, reducing our cost. Executive Director to contact CDM-Smith for costs of a smaller pipe without East Providence connection.

7. Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee will be working with M. Champagne to revise the financial report.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting

Chairman Klepper stated the meeting will be held on 7/30/14. Two bids must be awarded, election of secretary and treasurer, engineering insurance liability and updating the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Director Sylvia stated there was a settlement in the new Poppasquash Road pipe this weekend, serious enough to call the Bristol Fire Chief. Item to be on the agenda.

Chairman Klepper stated he had received information from the Bristol Town Council on potential for removing a director, same information as Barrington.

Adjournment

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Gosselin

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Allan C. Klepper
Chairman