

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

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015
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 6:26 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, Raymond Palmieri, Sr., Frank Sylvia

Directors Absent: Georgina Macdonald

1. Public Input - None

2. Proposed 3.25% Water Rate Increase

Director Hellmann stated that after seeing BCWA's budget numbers he stated that this organization has done a lot of things right. The O & M Budget increased by 1.6% with 1.625% designated for BCWA's reserves. I would like to see a 10% reduction in the rate increase from 3.25% to 2.95% or \$36,000.00.

Director Sylvia stated that 3.25% amounts to \$17.00 more per year for a residential customer.

Director Hellmann stated with the lower rate, money will still be added to the reserves.

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Palmieri

MOTION: Approve a rate increase of 2.95%.

Chairman Klepper stated that the difference of 3.25% to 2.95% is based on a concern for public perception. 3.25% is a reasonable increase and backed up solidly by management.

Motion failed 6 to 2. Voting Aye Directors Hellmann and Palmieri. Voting Nay Chairman Klepper, Directors Bishop, Gosselin, Jannitto, Louison and Sylvia.

Director Bishop made the following motion seconded by Director Sylvia

MOTION: Approve a rate increase of 3.25%.

Director Palmieri stated that some O&M estimates seemed high based on present expenditures and a lower rate increase would be more appropriate.

Motion passed 7 to 1. Voting Aye Chairman Klepper, Directors Bishop, Gosselin, Hellman, Jannitto, Louison and Sylvia. Voting Nay Director Palmieri.

3. FY2016 Budget

Operations and Maintenance Budget

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Gosselin

MOTION: To approve the O&M Budget in the amount of \$8,099,819, as presented.

Motion passed with 7 votes. Director Sylvia was not in the room at the time of the vote.

FY2016 Capital Budget

Director Bishop made the following motion seconded by Director Gosselin

MOTION: To approve the Capital Budget in the amount of \$5,765,160, as presented.

Motion passed with 7 votes. Director Sylvia was not in the room at the time of the vote.

4. Executive Session

Chairman Klepper stated the Board will enter into Executive Session to discuss the plan of compensation for the Executive Director. The process of performance evaluation and goal setting was based on input from all Board members. Director Gosselin and I consolidated the inputs and met with the Executive Director. A vote will be taken in open session.

Director Gosselin made the following motion seconded by Director Jannitto

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session – Board to Plan Compensation for Executive Director RIGL 42-46.5(1).

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 7:35 pm.

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Gosselin

MOTION: To seal the Executive Session minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Director Gosselin made the following motion seconded by Director Sylvia

MOTION: To approve 3% increase for the Executive Director, as presented.

Motion passed 7 to 1. Voting Nay Director Palmieri.

Director Gosselin made the following motion seconded by Director Sylvia

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Raymond Palmieri, Sr.
Secretary