

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

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
450 Child Street, Boardroom, Warren, RI**

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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 Joseph Keough and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Joel Hellmann, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Bradford Louison, Raymond Palmieri, Sr., Frank Sylvia

Directors Absent: Paul Bishop, William Gosselin, Georgina Macdonald

Chairman Klepper asked that Items G and H be moved up in the agenda.

**1. Connect to BCWA Water – Cedar Drive, Bristol – Director Sylvia**

Director Sylvia introduced Mr. Sousa who wishes to connect to BCWA water, 185' of pipe must be installed at a cost of \$22,000 to be paid for by Mr. Sousa.

Executive Director P. Marchand stated that Mr. Sousa could extend the service to his house, but not to the developable lot next to his house that he owns without connecting into the dead end, and additional 185 feet. Our policy states that whenever there is property to be developed, that service has to interconnect to a nearby dead-end, if close enough. This improves fire flow and water quality to the property. An exemption would set a precedent with developers allowing the creation of dead ends which impacts system reliability and performance.

Director Sylvia stated if Mr. Sousa is denied his request he would like to start an appeal process. Mr. Sousa's well is going bad and he wants to connect to BCWA water.

Director Louison entered the meeting at 6:10 am.

Director Palmieri stated that he would not support this request, there may be problems in the future with developers.

Director Jannitto made the following motion seconded by Director Sylvia

**MOTION: Board to grant permission for Mr. Sousa to connect 185' of water service.**

Director Hellmann made the following amendment to the motion

**AMENDMENT: Because it contains only one undeveloped lot.**

Legal Counsel J. Keough stated the amendment may cause a problem in the future.

Director Hellmann withdrew his amendment.

**Motion passed 4 to 2. Voting Aye Directors Sylvia, Jannitto, Louison and Hellmann. Voting Nay Chairman Klepper and Director Palmieri.**

Director Sylvia thanked the Board.

## **2. Public Input**

There was no public input.

## **3. Presentation – BCWA – East Providence Interconnection – Pare Engineering**

Executive Director P. Marchand – Pare has prepared presentation on the results of their hydraulic study regarding the interconnection between Providence Water, East Providence Water and the BCWA.

Timothy Theis and Lisa Goyer of Pare - The purpose of the study was to assess water system impacts to both BCWA and East Providence if either the East Bay Pipeline or Cross Bay Pipeline is out of service. Three scenarios were presented. All scenarios would require that BCWA use pumping to manage system pressure and distribute water throughout their system. To minimize impact to East Providence a 24" water main from the Kent Heights Tank to the emergency Pump Station in East Providence is recommended. For the short term – a 24" connection from East Providence 16" main on Pawtucket Ave to the BCWA Providence Water connection is recommended.

Executive Director P. Marchand stated that East Providence is aware of this study and provided their hydraulic model. An RFP will be issued soon for design and construction of the 16" interconnection and for the design of the 24" main to the EP tank.

Chairman Klepper said the design of the project should begin now. The worst possible case would be that BCWA has to pay for the entire project but we must look out for the future of the county. Hopefully we will get State funding for 50% of the project.

Director Palmieri asked to get notice from East Providence that they will not put up any roadblocks to hinder the project.

Chairman Klepper asked that this item be continued to November for a vote on the engineering design of the project.

## **4. Minutes**

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Hellmann

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 9/28/15 Board Meeting.**

Director Palmieri added a correction to the minutes.

**Director Sylvia amended the motion to include the correction.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Jannitto

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 10/8/15 Special Board Meeting.**

Director Palmieri requested a letter be sent to Warren Town Council to reconsider the paving policy.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **5. Executive Directors Report**

Executive Director P. Marchand – Fountain Avenue Tank – there is an issue with the interior epoxy paint, it must be repainted. Estimate to repaint the tank is \$625,000. In BCWA's 20 year plan there is a

plan to replace that tank to an elevated tank that is 15 to 20' higher at a cost of \$1.5 million. The existing interior paint of the tank should be OK for another 5 years before anything needs to be done.

Metacom Water Project – the State is putting off paving Metacom Ave., BCWA had shifted funds to replace a high pressure main on Metacom Ave. The new 12” main planned for the Veteran’s Home would have delivered additional water for fire flow. Now we may not have enough funds to complete the project and include all the paving requirements.

Director Sylvia stated that our legislators should be notified of the change of plans by the State.

## **6. Financial Report**

Finance Manager M. Champagne that Washington Trust will make a presentation at the November Board Meeting.

## **7. Request for Proposals for Award**

### **1. Crossman Engineering – Design of Water St. Main Replacement**

BCWA will be replacing the 8” main to a 12” at the Tourister building to provide additional flow. Crossman Engineering was sent a proposal and they will be designing Tourister’s sewer replacement and our water main.

Legal Counsel J. Keough stated this project must go out to bid.

### **2. RISE Engineering – Energy Improvements – Administration and Distribution Facilities**

Operations Manager K. Booth stated that the Administration building does not have any insulation in the attic and the soffits need to be insulated in the Distribution Building.

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Louison

**MOTION: To approve RISE Engineering insulating 450 and 472 Child Street at a cost of \$29,764.00, as presented.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **3. Generator Design and Bid Documents**

Back-up power generators are needed at both the Administration and Distribution buildings.

Director Sylvia made the following motion seconded by Director Hellmann

**MOTION: To approve a proposal by Pare Corporation for the design of 2 generators in the amount of \$10,000.00, as presented.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. New Checking Account**

Finance Manager M. Champagne stated BCWA has chosen Newport Bank for their new checking account.

Director Palmieri made the following motion seconded by Director Hellmann

**MOTION: To accept Staff’s recommendation for checking account with Newport Bank, \$1,000 minimum balance.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**8. Board Correspondence**

There was no Board correspondence.

**9. Next Scheduled Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting - 11/23/15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Director Hellmann made the following motion seconded by Director Palmieri

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Raymond Palmieri, Sr.  
Secretary