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**Joint Meeting of the Representative Advisory Board to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority
and the and the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority
Electronic Virtual Meeting
January 21, 2021**

The joint meeting of the Representative Advisory Board to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority and the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Advisory Board Chairman Barry Weiner. It was determined by Mr. Cansler that the requisite number of members present constituted a quorum. Mr. Chairman Weiner concurred.

Those Advisory Board members in attendance were: Mr. Chairman Barry Weiner, New London; Mr. Robert Boissevain, North Stonington; Mr. Anthony Siragusa, Montville; Mr. Jeffrey Callahan, Stonington Borough; Mr. James Fogarty and Mr. Hugh McKenney, Salem; Ms. Mary Lou Smith, Groton; Mr. Mike Cherry and Mr. James Harris, Ledyard; Ms. Carol Russell, East Lyme; and Mr. Jack Malone, Sprague

Those SWCA Board members in attendance were: Dr. Chairman Edward C. Monahan; Vice Chairman Harry Watson, Treasurer Paul Eccard, Barbara Franciosi, Peter Balestracci, Claudia Koerting, and Nick Mullane.

Mr. Chairman Weiner offered a period for public comment. There were no customers or citizens in the meeting wishing to speak.

Mr. Chairman Weiner noted the benefits, challenges and rules for operating a meeting electronically and thanked members for their participation.

A motion was made by Mr. Cherry and seconded by Ms. Russell to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith reported the Annual Audit of the Authority was carried out and accomplished satisfactorily by the firm of Sandra E. Wellwood, LLC Professional Services. Mr. Cherry asked if there were any recommendations accompanying the audit and Ms. Smith reported there were none and additionally there were no internal questions regarding the audit. A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Callahan to accept the audit. The motion carried unanimously.

SCWA Chairman Dr. Monahan gave his report to the RAB and noted the continuing and safe operations of the enterprise during the current health crisis; he gave an update on the plans for the replacement of the Tower Division main; plans for the replacement of the roofs at Chesterfield and Birchwood Divisions; the consolidation of the Ledyard Division and the Gray Farms Division and an update on the Tower Division Well #3.

Under the Administrative report Chairman Dr. Monahan noted the continuing legal matter between Raspberry Junction Holding, LLC and SCWA.

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Addressing SCWA Planning Activities Chairman Dr. Monahan provided an update on the current drought condition; the potential provision of water to the Green Village II in Salem; potential construction at the Millwood Subdivision; information on the Montville Interconnection project as well as PFAS issue which remain important to the SCWA but have not been vetted thoroughly or recently by state agencies with cognizance over such matters.

He also noted that SCWA continues its participation with the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC); the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) and the Water Planning Council (WPC) and the Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA).

There was brief discussion following Chairman Monahan's report regarding regionalization of services, the most effective manner to carry out the Tower Division main replacement as well as the long-term plan for the Gray Farm Division.

A motion was made by Mr. Cherry and seconded by Mr. Fogarty to accept the report of SCWA Chairman Monahan. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chairman Weiner indicated there would be no report from his station at this meeting.

Mr. Callahan reported from the Appointments Committee a slate of officers from the next term. Those nominations were Mr. Weiner as Chairman, Mr. Malone as Vice-Chairman and Mr. McKenney as Secretary. Mr. Callahan asked if there were any other nominations and hearing none motioned to close nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Fogarty and seconded by Ms. Smith to accept the nominations and directed that one vote be cast collectively to accept the slate. The motion carried unanimously and the Nominating Committee's recommendation was accepted.

Further, Mr. Callahan reported from his committee that it recommended Mr. Peter Balestracci be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Authority. Mr. Callahan made a motion to appoint Mr. Balestracci to the Authority. It was seconded by Mr. Cherry and carried unanimously.

There were no other member reports. Under New Business there was discussion of filling RAB Committee vacancies. Mr. Chairman Weiner suggested committee vacancies be addressed as an agenda item at the April RAB meeting and thanked everyone for their continued support.

A motion was made by Mr. McKenney and seconded by Ms. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and will be conducted electronically.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Malone
Secretary