



Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority **Special Board Meeting**

Monday, July 29, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Meeting held via teleconference

Full Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Ed Kelly	Chairman, WPCA Board Member
Mark McGrath (absent)	WPCA Board Member/ Director of Operations
Sandra Dennies	WPCA Board Member / Director of Administration
Monica DiConstanzo (absent)	WPCA Board Member/Board of Reps
David Mannis (absent)	WPCA Board Member/Board of Finance
Merritt Nesin	WPCA Board Member / Tech Committee Chair
Robert Barocas	WPCA Board Member / Finance Committee Chair
Adam Perlaky (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Steven Bagwin	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Mark Turndahl	Accountant, WPCA

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

E. Kelly, Chairman, called the Special meeting to order at 4:01pm with roll call; there was no pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present five (5 Board Members).

Discussion & Vote: FY21/22 Proposed User Charge Rate for Publication

B. Brink presented the Rate Setting Calculation spreadsheet shown at the prior Board meeting. He explained that the nominal 1.9 percent increase is as a result of the FY 2022 Administrative budget adjustment of \$616,500 for additional revenues to reach a 1.15 debt service coverage, a reduction in expected Nitrogen Credit revenues from the budgeted amount of \$900,000 to \$600,000, and the expectation of receiving \$0.00 interest income as opposed to the budgeted amount of \$75,000. He stated the rate will increase from \$5.16 per ccf to the proposed rate of \$5.26 per ccf, increasing the annual residential average amount from its current amount of \$475 to \$484.

R. Barocas inquired about the Nitrogen Trading Credit program going forward to which B. Brink replied that nitrogen credits will continue to decrease as other treatment plants go through upgrades until eventually, the program will disappear altogether.

There was a brief discussion on funding for Capital projects going forward and the use of the WPCA reserves. After which, R. Barocas made a motion stating he supports the proposed user charge rate of \$5.26 per ccf; seconded by S. Dennies. During the discussion E. Kelly stated he feels that the increase is reasonable given the Administration explanations. **Vote: 5-0-0.**

Discussion and vote: Date change for August Regular Board Meeting

E. Kelly stated that there is a request to change the Board meeting date from August 16th to August 23rd and asked R. Bull to explain. R. Bull stated that in order to have the fifteen (15) days for posting required for the Public Hearing, the meeting date will need to change to the 23rd. After a brief discussion, S. Dennies made a motion to change the August 16th meeting to August 23rd; seconded by S. Bagwin. There was no further discussion. **Vote: 5-0-0.**

Adjournment

At 4:19 pm, S. Dennies made a motion to adjourn the Special July 29th meeting; seconded by R. Barocas. There was no further discussion. **Vote: 5-0-0.**