# KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## OCTOBER 29, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kent County Water Authority was held on October 29, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the offices of the Kent County Water Authority, 35 Technology Way, West Greenwich, Rhode Island, in the Robert B. Boyer Board Room.

Treasurer Scott Duckworth presided and opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. presided. Board members Brian Kortz, Charles J. Donovan, Ken Mason, and Geoffrey Rouselle were all in attendance. Executive Director/Chief Engineer David L. Simmons, Director of Human Resources and Finance Michael Lanfredi, Chief of Operations Richard Burns, Deputy Director Nicole Campagnone, and Legal Counsel, Attorney Paul McCarthy, Esq. were also in attendance.

Mr. Kortz led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval Of The Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting and executive session held on September 24, 2026, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Rouselle and seconded by Mr. Kortz to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Legal Counsel:**

**CONE Receivership**

Attorney McCarthy reported that another meeting concerning the Center of New England was scheduled for the following week. Data collection continued in connection with the proposed takeover of the water main on Center of New England Boulevard.

**PFAS Litigation**

Attorney McCarthy reported that there were no further developments to report regarding PFAS litigation.

**Director of Finance Report:**

Closing Report September 2026, Cash Report

Mr. Lanfredi, Finance Director, explained and submitted the financial report. He reported on the Cash Receipts and Disbursements and Statement of Cash location FY 2026-2027 as of September 2026 and Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance as of September 2026, attached as exhibit “A”, and a thorough discussion ensued with regard to the sales and revenue.

Mr. Lanfredi discussed the delinquencies, payment plans and shut offs. He said they delivered 334 notices of delinquency. He said they tagged 248 customers. There were 50 customers on the shut off list, but only 6 were actually shut off for non-payment.

Mr. Lanfredi went on to discuss the payment plans. He said there were 8 active payment plans, 2 revoked and one paid in full.

Mr. Lanfredi reported approximately 9,700 customers enrolled in automatic payment, 16,600 in the customer portal, and 14,800 in electronic billing.

A motion was made by Mr. Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Rouselle, to accept the Finance Director's report and attach the same as an exhibit and that the same be incorporated by reference and be made a part of the minutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That the Cash Receipts and Disbursements and Statements of Cash Location FY 2026-2027 as of September 2026 and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as of September 2026, attached as exhibit "A", be approved as presented and be incorporated herein and are made a part hereof.

**Personal Privilege and Communication**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**East Greenwich Water Treatment Plant — Bid Results, Award Strategy and Financing**

Mr. Simmons reported that bids were opened on October 16, 2026. Hart Engineering submitted the low bid of $36,175,000, and Zoppo submitted a bid of $43,932,700. A third prospective bidder withdrew after an addendum incorporated a project labor agreement requirement. Mr. Simmons discussed the recently enacted project labor agreement requirements, including apprenticeship participation, and the potential effect on construction costs and bid participation.

The Board discussed the difference between the bids and earlier project estimates, the effect of material and labor costs, and opportunities for value engineering. Mr. Simmons stated that staff intended to proceed with a phased award strategy, beginning with approximately $22 million in available project funding, and to pursue negotiations and value engineering for the remaining work. Members discussed the possibility of reducing equipment or construction costs while maintaining the project's objectives.

Mr. Simmons reviewed supplemental financing options, including preliminary discussions concerning Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans and financing through the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank. He described the need for an amended certificate of authorization from the Rhode Island Department of Health, an amended project priority listing, and a debt-service filing with the Division of Public Utilities. He anticipated pursuing a financing closing around June 2027.

The Board discussed the project's effect on water rates and other capital needs. Mr. Simmons explained that existing restricted capital improvement and infrastructure replacement

revenues were expected to support debt service without a new rate increase specifically for this project, although the use of those revenues would reduce funds available for other projects. Discussion also addressed future Quonset and North Kingstown service opportunities, the cost of purchasing water from Providence Water, and the treatment plant's expected water-quality and system-resiliency benefits.

**ACTION ITEM: Review and consideration of Resolution 2026-2 — Resolution Authorizing the Preparation and Submission of Filings Required for Supplemental Project Financing for the East Greenwich Water Treatment Plant and Directing Preparation of a Phased Contract Award for Board Consideration.**

Mr. Simmons requested approval of Resolution 2026-2 to authorize the necessary financing-related filings and preparation of a phased contract award for subsequent Board consideration. The Board discussed the proposed first phase, the anticipated use of value engineering and change orders for later work, and the need for further review of the award. A special Board meeting was discussed for Thursday, November 5, 2026, to consider an award.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-2 was made by Mr. Rouselle and seconded by Mr. Mason. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

**VOTED: That Resolution 2026-2, authorizing preparation and submission of filings required for supplemental financing for the East Greenwich Water Treatment Plant and directing preparation of a phased contract award for Board consideration, be approved.**

**Other Projects: Update- Coventry High School Sewer Extension Project**

Mr. Burns reported that the pipe work was complete. Road restoration and paving work on Reservoir Road remained to be completed.

**Update- RI National Guard Project Read Schoolhouse Road**

Mr. Burns reported that approximately 1,000 additional feet of water main had been installed since the prior meeting. Pressure testing and sampling were expected to begin within the next several weeks. The newly installed main would not be placed into service until the associated pump station was ready. The Board discussed a tentative 2027 schedule for the remaining work.

**Update- CONE PWS Consolidation**

There was no substantive update on the consolidation. A meeting was expected the following week.

**Update- Lead Service Line Inventory**

Ms. Campagnone reported that the number of service lines of unknown material had been reduced from approximately 1,300 to 627. Staff continued research, test pits, and plans for customer outreach to verify service-line materials. She reported that 93 lead service lines and 93 galvanized service lines had been identified.

There being no further business before the board, on a motion duly made by Mr. Rouselle, seconded by Mr. Donovan, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Dated: November _____, 2026

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Paul McCarthy
Legal Counsel