KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 16, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kent County Water Authority was held on the 16th day of July, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the offices of the Authority, 35 Technology Way, West Greenwich, RI, in the Robert B. Boyer Board Room.

Chairman Robert B. Boyer opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Board members Jeff Giusti, Scott Duckworth, Brian Kortz, and Ken Mason, were all in attendance along with Executive Director/Chief Engineer David L. Simmons, Legal Counsel Patrick J. Sullivan, Esq., Director of Human Resources and Finance Michael Lanfredi, Chief of Operations Richard Burns and Deputy Director Nicole Campagnone.

Mr. Duckworth led the room in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval Of The Minutes

The minutes of the board meeting held on June 18, 2026 were presented for approval. Mr. Giusti moved the approval, seconded by Mr. Duckworth. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Legal Counsel:

CONE Receivership

Mr. Sullivan summarized the CONE developments as the receivership winding down with some of the sale approvals by the court having been extended. Mr. Sullivan also added that he and Mr. Simmons' team met with the receiver and a host of representatives of the CONE. He said that Mr. Simmons proposed to take over the water main traversing the development from Hopkins Hill Road to New London Turnpike. He said that the receiver and the representatives were very supportive of the idea. The management company and others were to collect data and provide it to the Authority. Another meeting was set for the end of August.

PFAS Litigation

Mr. Sullivan indicated that they await additional payouts. There had been no current payments but were expecting another payment in July.

Director of Finance Report:

<u>Closing Report June 2026, Cash Report</u>

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 June 2026 and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as of June 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 shutoffs. He said they tagged 141 customers for shut off. He added that there were 105 shutoffs pending.

Mr. Lanfredi went on to discuss the payment plans. He said there were 12 plans active with two having been revoked.

Mr. Giusti asked when they are targeted for shut off. Mr. Lanfredi said 70 days delinquent triggers the shut-off process.

Mr. Lanfredi said that there were 9400 customers on auto pay, 16,400 customers signed up for the portal and 14,600 customers that participate in e-billing.

Mr. Lanfredi indicated that the BASF fund had paid us $86,000 in June and he expects $353,000 at the end of July.

Mr. Duckworth moved, seconded by Mr. Giusti, to accept the reports and attach the same as an exhibit and that the same be incorporated by reference and be made a part of these minutes.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That the Cash Receipts and Disbursements and Statement of Cash Location FY 2025-2026 as of June 2026 and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as of June 2026, attached as exhibit "A", be approved as presented and be incorporated herein and are made a part hereof.

Personal Privilege and Communication

Mr. Simmons congratulated the board members on their reappointments. Mr. Kortz and Mr. Duckworth were reappointed by their respective communities. He said Mr. Rousselle is on next month's agenda. Mr. Simmons said he would update the website.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

East Greenwich Well Treatment Plant: Bid Schedule

Ms. Campagnone indicated that they are in receipt of draft copies of plans, and specifications for review by the Authority. They will be available to the public on August 4. There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference, and bids would be due by September 2. They hope for a start in mid-October and substantial completion in 2028. Full completion is expected July of 2029.

Mr. Simmons added that plenty of work can be done over the winter. Mr. Mason asked if the prevailing wage was required to be paid to which Mr. Simmons replied yes.

Solar Projects: Update on remote net metering contract.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Simmons informed the board that the contract was signed and complete. Mr. Simmons added that hopefully by the end this year, the authority is on 100% renewal energy with a huge chunk coming from the solar on top of the building.

Other Projects: Update- Coventry High School Sewer Extension Project

Mr. Burns indicated that the water work was completed.

Update- RI National Guard project Read Schoolhouse Road

Mr. Simmons indicated that the expected start of this project is August 3. He explained that Washington Oak School and Walker Ridge Homeowners Association water systems will be ultimately affected by this project as it progresses forward.. The two systems will continue to operate as they have been up until the very end of the project when the transition to the new pump station is commissioned and approved by RIDOH for the RI National Guard. He said as a part of this final transition, the Town has an obligation to move the meter up to the entrance of the school as depicted in the original plan documents for the school. There was a recent question by Town officials on who would pay for this. Mr. Simmons said that he explained to the Town Manager and School Superintendent that the school should be prepared to budget for the relocation of the water meter from the existing pump station to the school entrance. This meter will need to be installed within a hot box enclosure, or equivalent, to adequately serve the school.

He went on to say this relocation can occur at any time prior to the construction and commissioning of the new pumping system, and that KCWA can assist with this process. He reiterated that once the new pump station serving RING, Walker Ridge, and the school is complete, KCWA will assume operational control. At that point, operation and maintenance costs for the existing pump station can be removed from the school's budget. He stated that the perhaps the Authority could carry the relocation cost short term if they wanted to progress sooner so they could budget for it next year since they did not fund this project in this year's budget.

Mr. Sullivan indicated he thought that a memorandum of agreement or understanding should be completed as part of this process and approved by both parties to protect the Authority if there was going to be any float and repayment. Mr. Duckworth agreed.

Mr. Duckworth added some historical data to the school and its water system as being substandard.

Update- PWSB Pass-through filing -KCWA rate reduction

Mr. Simmons summarized a rate filing by the Providence Water Supply. He explained that this is just the same progression of the original filing by Providence and that this was presented as the second step in that filing. He went on to say that this second step has translated to a rate decrease for the Authority as a low service close proximity customer to PWSB. He also said that it was revealed through testimony during the filing that Providence needs to upgrade the Scituate treatment plant over the next ten years. He said that he has heard numbers being floated as high as 1 billion to complete the upgrade effort. There will be exposure to both the retail and wholesale rate to adequately fund the project and will certainly be another filing in the near future for the same.

There was a general discussion by each member of the board regarding the Providence sourced water and the costs going forward. Mr. Simmons explained to the board that the improvements to the East Greenwich well and new treatment plant would act as a buffer by reducing the impact on the Authority's reliance on purchased water from Providence water. He discussed that between the East Greenwich Treatment plant project and the Mishnock plant with future upgrades, we should be able supply almost half of the needs of the Authority in the summer and higher in the winter during low demand periods.

Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(5): Discussions pertaining considerations related to the acquisition of real property for public purposes.

Mr. Duckworth read the agenda item into the record and moved to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Giusti. The Chairman took a roll call vote, it being unanimous. The board went into executive session at 4:00 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 4:20 pm.

Mr. Duckworth moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Mr. Giusti. It passed unanimously.

There being no further business before this board, on motion duly made by Mr. Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Rousselle, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Dated: July _____, 2026

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Patrick J. Sullivan
Legal Counsel