



MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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Regular Meeting (Conducted In-Person and via GoToMeeting)

In Person Attendance:

Board:

J. Marc Kurowski, P.E., Chairperson
Andrew M Enders, Vice Chairperson and Secretary
Nathan W. Davidson, Treasurer
Karen M. Balaban, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Staff:

Charlotte A. Katzenmoyer, Chief Executive Officer
David W. Stewart, P.E., Chief Technical Officer
Michelle Bethel-Miller, Chief Administrative Officer
Jess Rosentel, Chief Operations Officer - Wastewater
Chad Bingaman, Chief Operations Officer - Drinking Water
Tanya Dierolf, Chief Strategy Officer
Karen McKillip, Archivist (Recorder)
Tammie Sheaffer, Office Manager

General Counsel:

Scott Wyland, Esquire (Salzmann Hughes, P.C.)

Others:

Adam Bruckhart (Tommy's Express)

Virtual Attendance:

Staff:

Douglas E. Keith, Chief Financial Officer
Julie Peters, Vice President of Finance
Raymond Hoke, Wastewater Operations Supervisor
Jeffrey Bowra, P.E., Vice President of Engineering
Sheri Berilla, Asset Manager
Rebecca Laufer, External Affairs Manager
Jarvis Brown, Diversity Program Manager
Bryon Maze, Procurement Manager

Others:

Caleb Krauter, P.E. (HRG Engineering, Inc.)
Taslim Hossain (HRG Engineering, Inc.)
Matt Crow, P.E. (Hazen and Sawyer)
Chuck Hauser (ARCADIS)

I. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kurowski at 6:15 p.m.

Chairperson Kurowski stated that all four Board members were present in person.

General housekeeping items were addressed by the chairperson advising that CRW is using the GoToMeeting platform for virtual meetings for the public. Under CRW's rules of decorum, all persons participating virtually must sign in with their name to properly identify themselves.

CRW posted the agenda 24 hours in advance on the website and accepted public comments via email until 4:00 p.m. today. The chairperson reported that CRW did not receive any public comments, therefore, no comments were read into the record.

The chairperson advised that the meeting was being recorded and will be posted on CRW's website at capitalregionwater.com on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

II. Chairperson's Announcements

- A.** An executive session under Section 708(a) of the Sunshine Act was held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and potential claims against Capital Region Water with General Counsel.
- B.** Today's regular meeting was advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act.
- C.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in-person and virtually.

III. Management Report

The monthly Management Report was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting and posted on CRW's website. Ms. Katzenmoyer provided the following additions to that report.

Updates to ongoing projects:

Broad Street Market IDIQ repairs: Rogele has completed the sewer work in South Verbeke Street and the Broad Street Market Plaza. They are replacing the sewer at the intersection of North Verbeke and Williams Streets which should be completed by June 7, 2024.

The contractor is also replacing the water main in James Street (between Sayford and Calder Streets) which should be completed by June 14, 2024. Sidewalk, curb and pavement restoration will be completed by the end of June.

22nd and Kensington Street IDIQ repairs: The contractor completed installation of the 42-inch casing pipe in the downstream direction, as well as the new 12-inch sewer pipe. The contractor plans to begin the upstream boring next week. To improve the completion schedule, the contractor will begin working 12-hour shifts seven days a week. This change will reduce the project duration by several weeks. Installation of the upstream casing pipe and new 12-inch sewer main is expected to be complete mid-June and restoration activities should be complete by the end of June, weather dependent.

AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements project: The contractor has mobilized to the site with two job trailers and installed erosion and sedimentation controls. CRW and the contractor are coordinating on-site access, laydown areas and related items to minimize impacts to normal plant operations.

City Beautiful H2O Program: On behalf of Capital Region Water, I'd like to thank Senator Casey and his staff for joining us in Harrisburg earlier this week. Capital Region Water is receiving federal appropriations funding in support of the City Beautiful H2O Program plan as we implement projects to better manage stormwater throughout the city. CRW will be receiving \$500,000 to support the Paxton Creek Interceptor replacement. The replacement of this 1902-era sewer interceptor will allow CRW to effectively manage and convey wastewater and stormwater for treatment. This is a critical first step in a larger project to dechannelize the creek and restore it to a natural course. This brings with it opportunity for economic development and expanded recreational access as the Paxton Creek flood elevation is reduced and associated flooding risks are mitigated. We are grateful for the support of Senator Casey. It was an honor to host him here in Harrisburg as we work together to build a better, safer, cleaner community. With the chairperson's approval, we would like to preview a short video that the City created to share on WHBG20 about the event. A video of the media clip with Senator Casey was played during the meeting. To see a copy of the video, click on the [May 22, 2024, video](#) on CRW's website at capitalregionwater.com.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

IV. Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Mr. Kurowski reported the committee met May 16, 2024.

- Mr. Keith provided the financial update through April 2024. He also reported that the Finance Department submitted work papers to the auditors in April and that the auditors have begun their field work as of the first week in May. Additional field work is planned for June and July that will address capital assets, suburban true-up, pension and property

valuations. Once the audit is completed and the Financial Statement is issued, the auditors will come to the Board to provide a presentation on their findings.

Mr. Kurowski reported the committee also discussed the following matters:

- \$13.3M 2024 PENNVEST Pro-Fi Stormwater Loan No. 72843 and authorizing borrowing and reimbursement Resolutions and the engagement of bond and general counsel and opening a bank account at First National Bank relative to the closing.
- Discussion was held regarding the possible engagement of an outside law firm to address the growing AR balance. More information will be coming as decisions are made regarding CRW's efforts to reduce its \$9M plus growing AR balance.
- Status of the Uptown Partners and the Broad Street Market were also provided.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Personnel and Shared Services: Ms. Balaban reported the committee met May 16, 2024, and highlighted items listed below.

- IT provided project updates, including software upgrades that will occur over the Memorial Day weekend.
- Procurement of laptops and Zinc Orthophosphate for the Drinking Water facility.
- Mrs. Bethel-Miller reported customer service updates as follows:
 - There were 2,025 calls handled in April. The average speed of answer was 21 seconds. The average talk time was three minutes 28 seconds.
 - There were 4,222 credit card transactions totaling \$842,906.09 for April 2024 with an average payment of \$199.65.
 - There were 202 MoneyGram transactions totaling \$27,507.09 for April 2024 with an average payment of \$136.17.
 - There were 176 drive-thru customers and 234 walk-in customers for a total of 410 customers serviced in April 2024.
- The Customer Assistance Program (CAP) update was provided. CRW has approved a total of 114 applications with three opt-ins from the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) for total assistance in April of \$32,700.
- She reported Customer Assistance Program updates as of April 30, 2024, regarding the categories listed below.

Reporting numbers as of April 30, 2024:

– CRW's Customer Assistance Program	\$31,800.00	
– CAP Opt-in Coupons	\$900.00	
– Drinking Water Service Line Assistance	\$58,106.00	
– Wastewater Lateral Line Assistance	\$8,850.00	
– CAP Party Line Assistance	<u>\$22,765.00</u>	
Total Internal Customer Assistance Program		\$122,421.00

Other combined customer assistance received in 2024:

- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)	\$.00
- Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)	\$17,861.44
- City of Harrisburg CARES (COH CARES)	\$.00
- Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund (PAHAF)	<u>\$12,544.53</u>
Total Other Combined Assistance	<u>\$30,405.97</u>

YTD Total of funds provided to customers in 2024: \$152,826.97

- Ms. Balaban reported there were five new hires, two promotions and five separations in April. Sadly Deborah Sibbering, Vice President of Human Resources, has left CRW's employment. The Board wishes her well in her new endeavors.
- There are currently seven open positions at CRW. Open positions are posted at <https://capitalregionwater.com/about/careers/>.
- The committee also discussed a new PADEP certified water and wastewater operator training program being offered by the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology (CPI). This program offers a two-year apprenticeship program that would help with on-the-job training for operators.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Operations and Engineering: Mr. Kurowski reported the committee met on May 9, 2024, and highlighted the items listed below.

- The following task orders, change orders or bid awards, along with several others not listed below, were vetted and a number of these are on the Board agenda for approval.
 - Task Orders 2024-19-02 and 2019-24-03 for engineering services for the AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements project with Arcadis.
 - Task Order 2024-13-01 with HRG regarding the PennDOT Market Street Bridge Project where PennDOT is rehabilitating the Market Street Bridge on both the east and west shore spans. This project focuses on the east shore span between Front Street and City Island where CRW has entered into a collaborative cost sharing agreement with PennDOT for 75% reimbursement of all utility relocations and CRW will only be required to pay for utility betterments.
 - Task Order 2020-19-03 for engineering services for the PennDOT I-83 Expansion (Contract 1) with HRG. This project deals with PennDOT's I-83 Master Plan to widen and improve the interstate in the Harrisburg area. The proposed improvements include widening the I-83 corridor to three lanes in each direction with additional lanes providing access to upgraded interchanges via a collector roadway. The planned work results in conflicts with CRW utilities that were designed and incorporated into

PennDOT's project. Again, through collaboration of a cost sharing agreement with PennDOT and CRW, CRW expects to be reimbursed by PennDOT for 75% of costs under a future cost sharing agreement with PennDOT.

- Renovations to the locker room at the Water Services Center.
- Task Order 2024-14-01 for the planning and development of a Solar Project with HDR Engineering at the Water Services Center (WSC). This project includes the installation of solar panels at the Water Services Center to capture energy that can be used to decrease utility costs or can be sold to the grid. Ms. Dierolf confirmed this engagement is the first step in the analysis, evaluation, and planning of CRW's due diligence. Mr. Kurowski stated the solar project has the potential to significantly reduce operating costs for the WSC and the Front Street Administrative Building.
- Procurement of Zinc Orthophosphate for the Water Services Center.
- Award a contract for Project Number 2024-201 - Flocculation & Sedimentation Basin Safety Speed Railing system to WSL, Inc. for railing that needs to be replaced at the Water Services Center.
- Mr. Bingaman reported:
 - Hydrant flushing is one-third of the way completed.
 - The emergency generator for DeHart was installed and tested today and is fully operational.
- Mr. Rosentel reported the facility staff is excited to get the AWTF Energy Improvement Project started.
- Mr. Rosentel also stated that the AWTF has been hit with a lot of rain this year. Flows to the AWTF are up 35%, which will have an impact on electricity usage.
- He also reported they may have another digester mixer problem, but that needs to be confirmed.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Legal and Risk Management: Mr. Enders reported the committee met on May 2, 2024, and highlighted items listed below.

- Ms. Gonzalez-Siegel provided an update on open and settled insurance claims.
- Ms. Gonzalez-Siegel updated the committee on the process she is following regarding tracking surety bonds as part of CRW's administration, on behalf of the City of Harrisburg, regarding the close out of street and sidewalk permits. This process ensures contractors working within the City are restoring the streets and sidewalks to city standards in accordance with the permit requirements. If they do not, CRW is pursuing resolution through the contractor's surety bond. This is extra work for CRW, however, CRW is following a mandated City Ordinance requiring contractors be in compliance to confirm the streets and sidewalks are properly restored so the permits can be closed out. This has been an outstanding issue for some time that is finally being resolved.

- An update was provided on legal matters related to stormwater fees.
- The Mediation Agreement previously negotiated with Eastern Environmental Contractors is wrapping up.
- A discussion was held regarding the four law firms that responded to an RFP issued for Special Legal Counsel which is on tonight's Agenda.
- Extending the current engagement of Banes Strategies for an additional year to assist CRW on stormwater related legislation. Ms. Katzenmoyer reported that there has been some momentum within the state legislature and that the latest legislation was voted out of committee.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Public Outreach and M/W/DBE: Mr. Enders reported the committee met on May 15, 2024, and highlighted items listed below.

- Jarvis Brown provided his M/W/DBE update on the Exhibit 6 reports on the recent bid openings for the 2024 Sewer System Improvements project and the 2024 Street Restoration project. He also updated the committee on the preconstruction meeting regarding the AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements Project and a substantial completion walkthrough was conducted at the Boy's and Girl's Club regarding the Phase 4 PENNVEST project.
- The 2023 Sewer System (Trenchless) project at Cameron Street Phase 4 work has now resumed after the winter break.
- Procurement of the Speed-Rail System is on tonight's Agenda for approval.
- Ms. Dierolf updated the committee on the following topics.
 - Customer Assistance Program updates for April.
 - Community outreach was busy through April. All events are listed on the Management Report.
- Notifications relating to our lead risk mitigation measures were distributed, and the committee was updated on the Lead RMM Report for the month of April.
- Rebecca Laufer reported on the updates for Communications and updated the committee on the status of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. CRW has only received a 30% response rate from ratepayers to schedule their meter upgrade. It is the customers' responsibility to schedule the appointment and CRW needs your help. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends or visit our website for further information.
- Mr. Enders reminded everyone there will be a CRW Stormwater Carnival Family Fun Night to be held on May 30, 2024, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army of Harrisburg, 506 S. 29th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

Ms. Balaban stated she recently met with Jarvis Brown and commended him for meeting with the M/W/DBE subcontractors and keeping them informed and educated on CRW's M/W/DBE policy. He has made significant progress in getting participation levels up for CRW.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

V. Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Enders, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the Minutes of the April 24, 2024, Regular Meeting be entered into the record as presented.

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes.

VI. Modifications or Deletions to the Agenda – None.

VII. Public Comment - Agenda and Non-Agenda (3 Minutes)

Public comment was provided by Mr. Adam Bruckhart, 680 Fleetwood Drive, Lititz, PA 17543, owner of Tommy's Express Car Wash in Harrisburg. He came to the Board to speak about a grievance on his first water bill relating to the car wash business located at 3523 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. He provided a packet of exhibits to each Board member stating his first bill came when the business opened on April 6, 2023. He stated his general contractor, Ames (then Hershey Activated) performed work with CRW for them to get water established as a new service installation. He believes everything was set up in accordance with CRW's standards, however, once they got their first water bill, he believes it was grossly overbilled. He estimated their bill to be about \$3,200 and the first bill was for about 2,000,000 gallons of water or \$20,000 which has negatively affected their sewer bill.

He has previously spoken with Jess Rosentel, who put him in touch with Michelle Bethel-Miller. He claims the bill is not physically possible and with 12 years of history operating other car wash locations he believes the bill is incorrect. He has spoken with the PUC and the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate who both told him they do not have jurisdiction over CRW, so he is now coming to the Board to discuss the overbilling and what remedies he has with CRW before seeking legal counsel. He questions if the meter was installed properly and has pictures and meeting notes but doesn't have a picture of the meter with the cover up to reflect a meter reading on the day the meter was installed. He questioned if the meter was zeroed out before it was installed. The water bill has impacted his sewer billing with Susquehanna Township who has put the matter on hold requesting he get resolution from CRW first. Mr. Kurowski thanked Mr. Bruckhart for coming tonight and

for preparing and providing the data for the Board's review. The Board will discuss the matter with staff and someone from CRW will be in touch with you using the contact information provided to Mrs. Bethel-Miller.

[Mr. Bruckhart left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.]

There were no further public comments.

VIII. Old/New Business

Administrative

A motion was made by Mr. Enders, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the following item be approved, Administrative Item A.

A. Hawke McKeon & Sniscak Agreement

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement for special counsel legal services with Hawke McKeon & Sniscak for a one-year agreement in accordance with their engagement letter and attachments, dated May 16, 2024, to assist Capital Region Water with legal matters and negotiations relating to CRW's wholesale suburban partners. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Wastewater #80504541-54109 - Ww Other Professional Services/Fees.

Messrs. Kurowski and Enders voted no, and Mr. Davidson and Ms. Balaban voted in favor of the motion. The motion for Administrative Item A fails with a 2-2 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Enders, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the following item be approved, Administrative Item B.

B. Procurement of Lenovo Laptops and USB-C Docks from Lenovo, Inc. through COSTARS

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer's procurement of Lenovo ThinkBook laptops and ThinkPad USB-C Docks from Lenovo (United States), Inc. in the amount of \$35,031 through COSTARS. Funding Source: Admin #10101516-51601 - Adm IT Computer Hardware (\$14,847); Water #60211516-51601 - Wtr IT Computer Hardware (\$10,092); and Wastewater #80211516-51601 - Ww IT Computer Hardware (\$10,092).

The Board unanimously approved Administrative Item B.

Drinking Water

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved as amended, Drinking Water Item A.

A. Task Order 2024-14-01: Engineering Services for Planning and Development Services for WSC Solar Project with HDR (Task 1 Only)

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Technical Officer to execute Task Order 2024-14-01 with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) as outlined in HDR's Proposal for Task 1 only, dated May 14, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$20,400 / 12.75% WBE. Drinking Water #60800803-80300-00372 – WSC Solar Energy Project.

Ms. Balaban requested clarification that the original proposal was for both Tasks 1 and 2, but the authorization for the approval of this Task Order was for only Task 1. The motion was amended from the floor to reflect that only Task 1 was approved at this time.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item A. as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Ms. Balaban, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item B.

B. Procurement of Zinc Orthophosphate (SLI-321L) from Shannon Chemical Corporation, a Sole Source Provider

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Operations Officer – Drinking Water to procure SLI-321L proprietary liquid Zinc Orthophosphate from Shannon Chemical Corporation, a sole source provider, in the amount of \$75,839.94. Funding Source: Drinking Water #60231513-51301 – Water Treatment Chemicals.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item B.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Ms. Balaban, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item C.

C. Project Number 2024 - 201 - Flocculation & Sedimentation Basin Safety Speed - Rail® Railing System from WSL Inc.

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Operations Officer – Drinking Water to award Project Number 2024 – 201 – Flocculation & Sedimentation Basin Safety Speed-Rail® Railing System to WSL Inc., and to execute the Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$217,401. Bids and notifications for M/W/DBE were solicited online in the PennBid Procurement Portal. There were no M/W/DBE commitments returned at the time of the award. Funding Source: Water #60800803-80300-00406 – Wtr Basin/Flocculator Railing.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item C.

Wastewater

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the following item be approved, Wastewater Item A.

A. Task Order 2019-24-02: Engineering Services for AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements with Arcadis

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Technical Officer to execute Task Order 2019-24-02 with Arcadis, as outlined in Arcadis' Proposal, dated May 3, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$16,456 / 11.0% MBE. Wastewater #80800801-80100-00023 – AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements.

Ms. Balaban requested confirmation that the \$150,000 was a not-to-exceed amount, and not a “good faith estimate” as previously indicated with the documentation distributed to the Board last Wednesday. The Task Order was updated to reflect the not-to-exceed amount in the proper space on the Task Order.

The Board unanimously approved Wastewater Item A.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved, Wastewater Item B.

B. Task Order 2019-24-03: Engineering Services for AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements with Arcadis

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Technical Officer to execute Task Order 2019-24-03 with Arcadis, as outlined in Arcadis' Proposal, dated April 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$552,934. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$60,629 / 11.0% MBE and \$5,000 / 0.9% WBE. Wastewater #80800801-80100-00023 – AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements.

The Board unanimously approved Wastewater Item B.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved, Wastewater Item C.

C. Task Order 2020-19-03: Engineering Services for PennDOT I-83 Expansion Project with HRG

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Technical Officer to execute Task Order 2020-19-03 with HRG Engineering Inc., as outlined in HRG Engineering Inc.'s Proposal, dated May 6, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$564,700. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$84,140 / 14.9% MBE. Funding Source: Water #60800801-80100-00118 – Wtr PennDOT I-83 Expansion, and Wastewater #80800801-80100-00115 – Ww I-83 Conflict Work – Betterment.

Mr. Davidson questioned if this was the PennDOT project that was providing the 75% reimbursement of costs to CRW, minus betterment improvements and Mr. Stewart confirmed it was.

The Board unanimously approved Wastewater Item C.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved, Wastewater Item D.

D. Task Order 2024-13-01: Engineering Services for PennDOT Market Street Bridge - East Project with HRG

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Technical Officer to execute Task Order 2024-13-01 with HRG Engineering Inc., as outlined in HRG Engineering Inc.'s Proposal, dated May 6, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$194,300. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$28,350 / 14.6% MBE and \$5,000 / 2.6% WBE. Funding Source: Wastewater #80504541-54104 – Ww Engineering Services.

Mr. Davidson questioned what this project was for, and Mr. Stewart stated as part of the Market Street improvement project, PennDOT is moving utilities from the Market Street Bridge to the pedestrian bridge (Walnut Street Bridge) to avoid concerns with utility conflicts. Mr. Davidson questioned if this PennDOT project was providing 75% reimbursement of costs to CRW, minus betterment improvements and Mr. Stewart confirmed from the floor it was. However, there are different formulas to be used on this project. Mr. Davidson thanked Mr. Stewart for the explanation for the record and stated that the collaboration between CRW and PennDOT will make the project more cost effective either way.

The Board unanimously approved Wastewater Item D.

Stormwater

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the following item be adopted, Stormwater Item A.

A. Resolution No. 2024-009 - \$13,300,000 Stormwater Programmatic Financing Loan with PENNVEST Loan No. 72843 (Reimbursement Resolution)

Motion: The Board adopts Resolution No. 2024-009 which authorizes the Chairperson and Secretary to execute the Reimbursement Resolution between Capital Region Water and PENNVEST for Loan No. 72843.

Mr. Davidson stated CRW appreciates the PENNVEST program as it is a good program for municipal authorities for funding of low interest loans for capital projects.

The Board unanimously adopted Stormwater Item A.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Ms. Balaban, that the following item be adopted, Stormwater Item B.

B. Resolution No. 2024-010 - \$13,300,000 Stormwater Programmatic Financing Loan with PENNVEST Loan No. 72843 (Borrowing Resolution)

Motion: The Board adopts Resolution No. 2024-010 which authorizes the Chairperson and Secretary to execute the Borrowing Resolution between Capital Region Water and PENNVEST for Loan No. 72843.

The Board unanimously adopted Stormwater Item B.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved, Stormwater Item C.

C. Engagement of Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. - PENNVEST Loan No. 72843

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to execute the engagement letter with Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000. M/W/DBE \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Stormwater #90504541-70401 – Sw Issuance Costs.

The Board unanimously approved Stormwater Item C.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the following item be approved, Stormwater Item D.

D. Engagement of Salzmann Hughes - PENNVEST Loan No. 72843

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to execute the engagement letter with Salzmann Hughes in the amount of \$15,000. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Stormwater #90504541-70401 – Sw Issuance Costs.

The Board unanimously approved Stormwater Item D.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved, Stormwater Item E.

E. Authorization to Open Bank Account at First National Bank for PENNVEST Loan No. 72843

Motion: On the condition the Board approves the Borrowing Resolution for Stormwater PENNVEST Pro-Fi Loan 72843, the Board authorizes the respective officers' execution of the Bank Resolution and Signature Card to open a bank account with First National Bank, titled PENNVEST STORMWATER 2024, effective May 22, 2024.

The Board unanimously approved Stormwater Item E.

A motion was made by Mr. Enders, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the following item be approved, Stormwater Item F.

F. Amendment to Extend Consulting Agreement with Bane Strategies, LLC

Motion: The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Amendment to the Consulting Agreement with government relation specialist, Bane Strategies, LLC, for an additional period commencing January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, with a monthly retainer of \$5,000, to assist Capital Region Water with stormwater matters. M/W/DBE Commitment: 100% MBE. Funding Source: Stormwater #90504541-54109 - Sw Other Professional Services.

The Board unanimously approved Stormwater Item F.

IX. Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items (3 Minutes) None.

X. Board Member Comments

Mr. Enders thanked Senator Bob Casey and his staff for their time working to obtain funding for the Paxton Creek Interceptor project. It was nice that he acknowledged the need for additional funding and the amount of work that is still needed for this project. He thanked Mayor Williams and our partners at Dauphin County for their continued support.

Since Memorial Day is coming up, he acknowledged the Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania organization who has constructed a new community center and 15 tiny homes geared towards housing and services to homeless Veterans to give them a fresh start. This is constructed down by the PennDOT building below Shipoke and across from our Front Street Pumping Station. Hopefully this will allow Veterans a fresh start.

Thank you to Adam Bruckhart for attending tonight's meeting and bringing his issue to the Board's attention.

Mr. Davidson stated the temporary structure at the Broad Street Market is scheduled to open to the public at 7:30 a.m. May 23, 2024. Come out and support these local vendors.

Ms. Balaban also thanked Senator Casey for his assistance in the appropriation of federal funding for the Paxton Creek corridor. She was impressed that he took approximately one and a half hours to get engaged and walked along Paxton Creek asking very poignant questions. The fact that he saw the scope and urgency of the project, while recognizing the finite resources we have is a true appreciation that this money will be well spent. She thanked Ms. Katzenmoyer for arranging the meeting.

Mr. Kurowski echoed the other Board members' comments. He stated tonight's meeting kicked off several projects, the solar project at the Water Services Center, the beginning of the AWTF Energy Recovery Improvements project and the Paxton Creek corridor project through the appropriation of funding from the federal government, Senator Casey, and President Biden. These projects are all CRW mission driven and great examples that will generate non-ratepayer revenue in the future.

The Paxton Creek corridor project funding awarded is \$1.25M, CRW's portion of the funds being approximately \$500K, and then the rest of the project with the City of Harrisburg will be very symbolic. This is a kickstart to CRW's substantial piece of its Long-Term Control Plan. As previously stated by the CEO, the Paxton Creek corridor project was originally constructed in 1902 so it's time to fix it. But the real driver will be we have more flood control protection for future economic development that may allow many properties to be pulled out of the

floodplain, while also reducing flooding that impacts emergency services when Cameron Street floods in this area.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Enders, seconded by Mr. Davidson, for the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

The motion was unanimously approved.

CAPITAL REGION WATER



Andrew M. Enders
Secretary