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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

5:30 PM

Coles Road Firehouse
105 Coles Road
Cromwell, CT

Present: Commissioners Roger Rukowicz (Chairman), Mertie Terry, Robert McIntyre and Chip Darius. Also attending were Executive Director Julius Neto, Water Operations Manager Joseph Palmieri, Accountant Michael Alibrio and Commissioners Robert Donohue and Charles Epstein.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Rukowicz.
- II. Approval of the Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Darius and unanimously approved to accept the agenda as presented. The Executive Director noted that Item B. on the Agenda was reviewed at the last Executive Committee meeting on April 25, 2022, regarding the General Fund budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Darius and unanimously approved to omit Item B. under New Business on the agenda.
- III. Public Comment. There were no public comments to report.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Water Division Budget FY 2022/2023. The Executive Director gave an overview of the Water Division Budget. He called this a truly balanced budget. The same documents used at Monday night's meeting were used for tonight's meeting but the Water Division Enterprise Fund section. Copies are attached to the minutes on file in the Fire District Office. There was a budget worksheet/spreadsheet and a Proposed Budget highlight sheet also for the Water Division Enterprise Fund. Because this budget is balanced, the expenses and revenues are the same. They will not have to go into the Water Enterprise fund to get any funding.

On the worksheet/spreadsheet the revenue is listed first, then the expenses. There are no tax dollars associated with this budget. All the revenue comes from services and/or water that is metered. Commissioner Darius asked about the sale of water. He wanted to know if the numbers will remain the same after the recent concerns raised about Berlin. Mr. Neto responded that the solution will be fully implemented before the request. Cromwell is working diligently with DEEP and Environmental Partners and Berlin. Cromwell will

be requesting a temporary permit. The permanent permit could take up to 6 months to receive. There will be no impact on revenue. Commissioner Darius asked about the action items he had discussed with the Executive Director. Mr. Neto reported that some of the items were addressed, but not the big-ticket items. With a goal of having a balanced budget, some things were put off until next year. They reviewed other items in the Water Capital Fund. Mr. Palmieri reviewed the items that are important but have been put in next year's budget.

The Water Division budget is \$2,650,500. There is a 6.2% increase, but the budget is balanced.

A motion was made by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Darius and unanimously approved to accept the Water Division Enterprise Fund budget of \$2,650,500.

There will be no mil increase or rate increase associated with this budget or the General Fund budget. The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation.

- V. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Darius and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Rukowicz, Chairman

Nancy Deegan
Recording Secretary