KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 27, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Kent County Water Authority ("Authority") was held on the 27th day of August, 2026 at 3:30 P.M. at the office of the Authority, 35 Technology Way, West Greenwich, RI, in the Robert B. Boyer Board Room.

Chairman Rober B. Boyer opened the meeting at 3:30 P.M. Board members Jeff Giusti, Scott Duckworth, Geoffrey Rousselle, Brain Kortz and Ken Mason were all in attendance and Board Member Charles Donovan arrived at 3:40 P.M. Also in attendance were the Executive Director/Chief Engineer David L. Simmons, Legal Counsel Mary B. Shekarchi, Esq., Director of Human Resources and Finance Michael Lanfredi, Chief of Operations Richard Burns, and Deputy Director Nicole Campagnone.

Attorney Shekarchi led the room in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval Of the Minuets:

The minutes of the board meeting held on July 16, 2026 were presented for approval. Mr. Duckworth moved the approval, seconded by Mr. Giusti. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Legal Counsel:

There was no update on the CONE Receivership or PFAS Litigation. The Authority's Legal Counsel Mr. Patrick Sullivan, Esq. who is representing the Authority in these matters was not present and will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

Director of Finance 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 July 2026 and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as of July 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 119 customers for shut off and there were 29 shutoffs pending.

Mr. Lanfredi went on to discuss the 9 payment plans.

Mr. Lanfredi further explained that the annual audit for the Authority had begun.

There was brief discussion regarding where the PFAS settlement funds were deposited once the Authority received them. Mr. Lanfredi explained they were deposited in the Authority's capital account.

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

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.

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

Personal Privilege and Communication:

None.

Executive Director/ Chief Engineer's Report:

East Greenwich Well Treatment Plant Update

Mr. Simmons said that the project was out for bid. There was a pre-bid meeting where five (5) contractors picked up plans and the bids are expected to be returned by September 16, 2026 with the awarding of the bid shortly thereafter and the commencement of construction to commence in early October, 2026.

Mr. Duckworth asked how many people/companies attended the pre-bid meeting. Ms. Campagnone stated that approximately fifteen (15) people attended, which consisted of the five (5) engineering companies with their staff and some subs. In addition, representatives from the Department of Health also attended the pre-bid meeting.

Mr. Giusti asked if the five (5) contractors who attended the pre-bid meeting were RI companies. Mr. Simmons explained that the 2 were from RI, 2 were from MA and 1 from CT.

Mr. Simmons explained he is exploring purchasing GAC vessel equipment which is a unique and necessary product needed in this construction project. By purchasing it outright, it will save the Authority approximately $500,000.00.

Mr. Duckworth asked what the time frame for the product was to be completed/delivered. Mr. Simmons said about eighteen (18) months.

Mr. Kortz asked if the Authority was in the process of gathering bids. Mr. Simmons said it is a specific piece of equipment with a sole source for purchasing it. Mr. Simmons is currently

investigating this purchase because with the recent PFAS regulations, this product will be in high demand.

Mr. Mason asked when this project's expected completion date is. Mr. Simmons said at this time, the substantial completion date is October 2028, and final completion date is July 2029.

Coventry High School Sewer Extension Project Update

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Burns both stated that our work at this project is done.

RI National Guard School project Read Schoolhouse Road Update

Mr. Simmons said that the Authority is scheduled to be at the site on August 31, 2026, which is the date the project is to commence.

Center of New England (CONE) PWS consolidation Update

Mr. Simmons stated that the Authority met with the Receiver earlier today. The Receiver is collecting data including Crossman Engineer's data plan and essentially in the due diligence stage. The Authority cannot proceed forward until the As-Built plan is completed. The goal is to have CONE to be part of the KCWA system rather than having it operate as two separate public water systems within the boundaries of the KCWA distribution network.

Mr. Duckworth asked what the Authority will own once the project is completed. Mr. Simmons said the Authority will only own the water line.

Mr. Duckworth read the executive session agenda headings and moved to go into executive session.

1. **Executive Session: Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5 (5): Discussions pertaining to considerations related to real property for public purposes.**

2. **Executive Session: Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (2): Discussions pertaining to litigation- RIDOT – Construction Pipe Gantry Issues – KCWA v. D'Ambra Construction and RIDOT – KC 2021-0704**

This was seconded by Mr. Rousselle. Chairman Boyer took a roll call vote which was unanimous and the Board went into Executive Session at 4:16 P.M.

The Board returned to open session at 5:05 P.M.

Mr. Duckworth moved, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to emerge from Executive Session. It was unanimously voted to emerge from Executive Session and return to regular open session.

Mr. Duckworth moved and seconded by Mr. Rousselle and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 P.M.

Date: September 11, 2026

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