

**MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CLEAN WATER TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

February 14, 2024
1:30 PM

Location: Remote*

Minutes

Attendees: State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Chair
Timur Yontar, Capital Budget Director, Executive Office for
Administration & Finance, Designee
Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP, Designee

Also Present: James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT
My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT
William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist, MCWT
Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT
Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, MCWT
Pam Booker, Accountant, MCWT
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, MCWT
Julian Honey, Program Associate, MCWT
Kailyn Fellmeth, Program Associate, MCWT
Josh Derouen, Senior Program Associate, MCWT
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic
Designer, MCWT
Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, MCWT
Kathryn Armour, Data Analyst, MCWT
Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Mikaela Cole, Deputy Communications Director, Office of the State
Treasurer
Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, MWWA
Sury Chakraborty, Journalism Student, Boston University

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Goldberg at 1:30 p.m.

Item #1

MOTION- VOTE

Acceptance and approval of minutes of the meeting held on January 17, 2024.

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Ms. Pinaud and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on January 17, 2024.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Recognition of Service

Treasurer Goldberg and the Board welcomed Mr. Kalivas back from his deployment with the National Guard.

Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund (CCIWPF) Assistance Request

Ms. Perez stated that the CCIWPF was established by the Massachusetts State Legislature in 2018 to assist Cape Cod and island communities with paying for necessary water infrastructure improvements. The CCIWPF is funded by a 2.75% excise tax on traditional lodging and short-term rentals. This tax generates approximately \$20 million in revenue per year. The Trust acts as the trustee for the CCIWPF. The CCIWPF Management Board is comprised of officials from 15 Cape Cod and island communities. The CCIWPF currently provides 25% in subsidy for qualifying wastewater projects.

The CCIWPF Executive Committee sent a letter to the Board members requesting supplemental funding to be able to continue providing the 25% subsidy. Between the 2018 to 2023 Clean Water Intended Use Plans, Cape Cod community project costs were just over \$500 million. The cumulative amount of subsidy awarded to those projects was approximately \$150 million. Additionally, most projects receiving CCIWPF subsidy qualify for 0% interest loans under the Nutrient Enrichment Reduction Loan program.

The letter Board members received highlighted certain funding needs. One was a short-term solution to maintain the 25% subsidy for projects listed on the 2024 IUP and requested an allocation of \$32.5 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds to the disadvantaged communities on Cape Cod. The Cape Cod projects participate and will continue to participate in the disadvantaged community's subsidies the Trust awards each year. There are \$27.3 million in total BIL subsidy funds available for 2023 Clean Water projects for disadvantaged communities across the Commonwealth.

As is the Trust's typical annual process, we will ask for a vote for the BIL subsidy awards after the deadline for submitting binding contracts has expired in June.

The Trust has been working with the Cape since the inception of this fund and will continue to do so. We expect to have an update at a future meeting on ways we may be able to assist.

EPA Annual Review

Ms. Perez stated that EPA Region 1 officials conducted their annual review of the Massachusetts SRF program this week.

2024 Intended Use Plans (IUPs)

Ms. Pinaud stated that the 2024 IUPs will be finalized soon after evaluating the testimony received during the public review process and at the public hearing that was held on January 31st.

Item #3

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Ms. Pinaud and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Redemption of Series 12 with Equity; Termination of Related Investment Agreements

1. That the Executive Director of the Trust is hereby authorized, to redeem all or a portion of the Trust's outstanding Pool Program Bonds, Series 12, and to apply funds in the Trust's equity funds in sufficient amount to accomplish such redemption.
2. That in connection with the redemption, the Executive Director is hereby authorized to terminate any or all existing investment agreements related to such redeemed Series 12 Bonds.
3. That the Executive Director and such other officers of the Trust as the Executive Director may delegate are hereby authorized to perform all such further steps and actions as the Executive Director, determines to be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this vote, including, without limitation, buying and selling securities, transferring money from the Trust's equity funds, and executing and delivering any instruments, notices, certifications, instructions, or other documents related thereto.

Item #4

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Pinaud and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Lead Service Line Planning Program Grant Commitments and Grant Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DWL-24-03	Bondsville Fire and Water District	\$25,000
DWL-23-157	Dighton Water District	\$296,000
DWL-24-04	Peabody	\$125,000
DWL-24-05	Worcester	\$350,000

Item #5

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Ms. Pinaud and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Community Septic Management Program Commitment

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-24-02	Hamilton	\$500,000	2%

Item #6

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Pinaud and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Clean Water Commitment

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-24-01	Worcester	\$1,666,000	1.5% ¹

Item #7

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Ms. Pinaud and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Community Septic Management Program Loan and Financing Agreement

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CWT-24-02	Hamilton	\$500,000	2%

Item #8

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Pinaud and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of the Clean Water Loans and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-24-01	Worcester	\$1,666,000	1.5% ¹
CWP-23-03	Yarmouth	\$38,169,258	2%
CWP-23-03-A	Yarmouth	\$3,610,054	2%

Item #9

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Pinaud and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of School Water Improvement Grants

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
SWIG-24-07	All Saints Catholic School	\$6,000
SWIG-24-08	Boys & Girls Club Family Center	\$6,000
SWIG-24-09	First Parish Preschool	\$3,000
SWIG-24-10	Lexington Montessori School	\$9,000
SWIG-24-11	Reading Montessori School, Inc	\$3,000

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURN: The motion was made by Ms. Pinaud and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. Minutes, January 17, 2024
2. Project Descriptions

¹ Housing Choice Loan

***Location: Remote:** Notice is hereby given that the Wednesday, February 14, 2024 meeting of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's Board of Trustees will be held through remote participation in accordance with M.G.L.c.30A, §20, as modified by c.20 of the Acts of 2021, c.22 of the Acts of 2022, and c.2 of the Acts of 2023.

Those who would like to attend the meeting, please e-mail masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us to request meeting information. Information to access the meeting will be available through the duration of the meeting. However, we encourage participants to request the information by 5:00 PM the day before the meeting.

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Please Note: There will be no physical meeting at the offices of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust.