# MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# March 2, 2022 1:30 PM

# Location: Remote\*

# Minutes

Attendees:	James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer, Designee Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of MassDEP Timur Yontar, Assistant Budget Director for Capital, Executive Office for Administration & Finance, Designee			
Also Present:	Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT			
	Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT			
	My Tran, Treasurer, MCWT			
	Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT			
William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist, MCWT				
	Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, MCWT			
	Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, MCWT			
	Pam Booker, Accountant, MCWT			
	Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer, MCWT			
	Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, MCWT			
Joshua Derouen, Senior Program Associate, MCWT				
	Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP			
	Greg Devine, Section Chief, MassDEP			
	Andrew Napolitano, Deputy Communications Director, Office of the State Treasurer			
	Emily Kowtoniuk, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Office of the State			
	Treasurer			
	Mary Wilkins, Communications Executive Assistant, Office of the State Treasurer			
	Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Works Association			

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

# Item #1 MOTION- VOTE

# Acceptance and Approval of February 2, 2022 Minutes

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. Yontar and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on February 2, 2022.

### Item #2 **<u>REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>**

#### 2022 Intended Use Plans (IUPs)

Ms. Pinaud said that the draft 2022 IUPS have been published. There will be a virtual hearing on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. Information on this upcoming hearing can be found on MassDEP's website. <u>https://www.mass.gov/doc/public-hearing-notice-2022-draft-intended-use-plans/download</u>

#### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Ms. Perez said that the Trust is working with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to receive the ARPA funds that it has been allocated. The funds are expected to be received by the Trust at the end of March.

#### Audit Services Request for Responses (RFR)

Ms. Perez said that the procurement management team for the audit services RFR will be meeting at the end of this week to review and score the responses.

A recommendation will be presented to the Board for a vote at the next meeting.

#### School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) Program

Mr. Maple said that so far in the second round, there have been 65 applications received. Of these applications, 29 of them are eligible to submit facility inventory forms, the second round of forms. There are 10 applicants that are not eligible to receive grants. There are also 10 applicants that have been referred to MassDEP for drinking water sampling. These applicants may be eligible for a grant through the SWIG program at some point pending the test results. MassDEP's drinking water sampling program has already seen an increase in requests for technical assistance.

Seven of the 65 applicants have submitted all required forms.

The application period for the second round of SWIG is now on a rolling basis through June 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a review on March 16<sup>th</sup> of the applications that have been received to that point so that those grants can be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Mr. MacDonald asked how much funding has been provided through the SWIG program.

Ms. Perez said that just under \$1 million in grants was awarded for the first round of SWIG. There is \$2 million available to award for the second round. If more than \$2 million is needed for the second round, a request for an increase may be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. MacDonald said that remediating lead in school drinking water was a priority in President Biden's State of the Union Address last night.

It is encouraging to see that Massachusetts has been working towards remediating lead in school drinking water.

#### Item #3 MOTION- VOTE

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

Approval of Community Septic Management Program Commitments

PAC No.	<b>Borrower</b>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
<b>CW-22-01</b>	Lakeville	\$960,000	2%
CW-22-02	Plymouth	\$300,000	2%

## Item #4 MOTION- VOTE

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

Approval of Community Septic Management Program Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financings Agreements

PAC No.	<b>Borrower</b>	<u>Amount</u>	Interest Rate
CWT-22-01	Lakeville	\$960,000	2%
CWT-22-02	Plymouth	\$300,000	2%

# Item #5 MOTION- VOTE

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

Approval of the Clean Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

PRA No.	Borrower	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>
<b>CW-19-47</b>	Chatham	\$1,219,756 <sup>1</sup>	<b>0%</b> <sup>2</sup>
CW-20-28	Revere	\$1,300,000	2%

### **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

### LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

- 1. Minutes, February 2, 2022
- 2. Project Descriptions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> First Revision. Previous PRA amount was \$1,148,436.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nutrient Enrichment Reduction Loan

**\*Location: Remote:** Notice is hereby given that the Wednesday, March 2, 2022 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 and c.22 of the Acts of 2022.

Those interested in attending the online meeting can do so by visiting <u>https://zoom.us/j/93515986199?pwd=Qm9TWE1PR3VMTUlkeUxVZlBaalA0dz09</u>. The Meeting ID is 935 1598 6199 and the password is 143459.

Alternatively, if you wish to participate just by telephone, call (646)558-8656 and then enter the attendee Access Code 935-1598-6199 followed by the pound (#) sign.

To ensure that the audio is clear to all attendees, unless you are actively participating in the meeting, please mute your audio. If you have technical difficulties joining the meeting, please email Joshua Derouen at jderouen@tre.state.ma.us

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