

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

April 5, 2023
1:30 PM

Location: Remote*

Minutes

Attendees: James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer, Designee
Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP, Designee
Timur Yontar, Capital Budget Director, 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
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
Jonathan Maple, Senior Policy Analyst, MCWT
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic Designer, MCWT
Kathryn Armour, Data Analyst, MCWT
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Greg Devine, Section Chief, MassDEP
Andrew Napolitano, Director of Communications, Office of the State Treasurer
Emily Kowtoniuk, Legislative Director, Office of the State Treasurer
Alexa Michon, Policy Associate, Office of the State Treasurer

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 March 6, 2023 Minutes

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 March 6, 2023.

Item #2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Perez stated that the Trust has received its 2023 federal grant allotments from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The allotments are substantially less than what the Trust received in 2022. Due to earmarks, the Drinking Water (DW) base grant decreased from \$25 million in 2022 to \$10 million for 2023. There were also significant decreases to the Trust's lead grant allotment. The Trust will be reviewing the impact to capacity of the program.

Ms. Pinaud added that EPA assigned grant allotments based on information collected in the Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSA). Lead grant allotments were based on the known or estimated number of lead service lines (LSLs) in each state. Because Massachusetts has fewer LSLs than other states, the grant amounts were reduced for the coming year. Massachusetts has approximately 100,000 LSLs according to the DWINSA while Illinois has over 1 million. As a result, the Trust's lead grant amount is being cut nearly in half from approximately \$65 million to \$33 million.

The EPA has stated that future numbers may be revised and MassDEP is waiting on further guidance on how to submit additional information to increase the grant allocation. Additional funding may be available if states that are allotted funds from their lead grants do not take all the funds.

Item #3

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 Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DW-22-24	Ayer	\$130,000
DW-23-14	Brookline	\$99,900
DW-23-24	Cheshire	\$123,500
DW-23-21	Dudley	\$200,000
DW-23-13	East Longmeadow	\$161,700
DW-23-17	Marion	\$75,000
DW-23-22	Methuen	\$870,000
DW-23-20	Ware	\$200,000
DW-23-19	Winchester	\$58,000

Item #4

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-23-02	Marion	\$200,000	2%

Item #5

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 Drinking Water Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DW-22-23	Abington	\$7,500,000	2%
DW-22-15	Amherst	\$15,000,000 ¹	1.5% ²
DW-22-67	Rockland	\$7,500,000	2%
DW-22-35	Winthrop	\$4,890,101 ³	2%
DW-23-18	Yarmouth	\$4,711,800	2%

Item #6

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 Lead Service Line Planning Program Grants and Grant Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DWL-22-24	Ayer	\$130,000
DWL-23-14	Brookline	\$99,900
DWL-23-24	Cheshire	\$123,500
DWL-23-21	Dudley	\$200,000
DWL-23-13	East Longmeadow	\$161,700
DWL-23-17	Marion	\$75,000
DWL-23-22	Methuen	\$870,000
DWL-23-20	Ware	\$200,000
DWL-22-65	Wayland	\$139,200
DWL-23-19	Winchester	\$58,000

¹ First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$14,000,000.

² Housing Choice Loan

³ First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$2,912,000.

Item #7

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 Community Septic Management Program Loan/Local Government Obligation and Financing Agreement

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CWT-23-02	Marion	\$200,000	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 Drinking Water Loans/Local Government Obligations and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DWP-22-15	Amherst	\$15,000,000	1.5% ²
DW-22-03	Burlington	\$14,090,350	0% ⁴
DWP-22-35	Winthrop	\$4,890,101	2%

Item #9

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 the Clean Water Loan/Local Government Obligation and Financing Agreement

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-22-61	New Bedford	\$1,730,000	2%

Item #10

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:

School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) Program and Approval of SWIG Program Grant

That School Water Improvement Grant, numbered, to the grantee and in the amount as follows is hereby approved, subject to the terms of the applicable grant agreement:

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
SWIG-23-04	St Stanislaus Kostka School	\$6,000

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Pinaud stated that the 2023 IUP will be published soon.

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.

⁴ PFAS Remediation Loan

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. Minutes, March 6, 2023
2. Project Descriptions

***Location: Remote:** Notice is hereby given that the Wednesday, April 5, 2023 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.

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 masswatertrust@tre.state.ma.us.

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