

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

June 2, 2021  
1:30 PM

Location: Remote\*

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Designee  
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of MassDEP  
Maya Jonas-Silver, Director of Capital Planning and Long-Term Obligations,  
Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Designee

**Also Present:** Susan Perez, Executive Director, MCWT  
Nate Keenan, Deputy Director, MCWT  
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Sally Peacock, Controller, MCWT  
Sunkarie Konteh, Accountant, MCWT  
Pamela Booker, Accountant, MCWT  
Nicole Munchbach, Accountant, MCWT  
Jonathan Maple, Policy Analyst, MCWT  
Rachel Stanton, Communications Specialist and Graphic Designer, MCWT  
Joshua Derouen, Program Associate, MCWT  
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP  
Gregory 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  
Margaret McSherry, Claims Analyst, Office of the State Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. MacDonald at 1:33 p.m.

Item #1

**MOTION- VOTE**

**Acceptance and Approval of May 5, 2021 Minutes**

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Mr. MacDonald and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on May 5, 2021.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Asset Management Planning (AMP) Grant Program**

Ms. Perez said that a request for responses (RFR) is being posted today for expanding the list of pre-qualified engineering firms that communities can use to help them develop asset management plans for the AMP Grant Program. The firms already on the pre-qualified list can be recertified by executing new documents and can apply to be eligible for cybersecurity work. Additionally, the prequalified firms are asked to respond to a short survey that will be used to explore how the AMP Grant Program can be improved.

### **PFAS Project Financing**

Ms. Perez discussed the \$20 million the Trust received from the 2019 Supplemental Budget, which came in two line items.

The first line item for over \$10 million was used to offer financing for PFAS projects. The second line item for over \$9 million was to offer financing for two more traditional Drinking Water projects in Tier 3 Disadvantaged Communities that otherwise would not have been offered financing.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees approved a pilot program offering 0% interest for PFAS projects which was later voted to become a permanent program offered by the Trust.

Although the \$10 million led to expanded capacity for PFAS projects, there are now PFAS projects totaling \$183 million that are eligible for State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing. 55% of the projects on the 2021 Drinking Water Intended Use Plan are PFAS projects. With this level of demand and the testing being done by MassDEP, is it possible to estimate how many projects would be looking for financing in the future?

Since American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds can be used towards PFAS projects, it may be best to use some of the ARPA funds to address PFAS testing and financing.

Commissioner Suuberg said that about half of the drinking water systems in the state have been tested for PFAS. The largest 25% of Massachusetts drinking water systems showed little issues with PFAS. Most of the Massachusetts drinking water systems should be tested six to eight months from now. There are 23 systems that MassDEP is working closely with to address PFAS. After testing has concluded and working with those 23 systems, there will be a better idea of demand for future PFAS project financing.

Private wells are being tested for PFAS to identify potential contamination but private well contamination would need to be addressed outside of SRF financing.

## Lead Initiatives Working Group

Ms. Perez said that a group of Trust and MassDEP associates met for the first time last week to discuss new initiatives on how ARPA funds could be used to address lead in drinking water. More will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

## School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) Program

Mr. Maple said that of the 37 school districts that were awarded grants, 13 have completed requirements or are closed out.

Some districts need to redo post-installation testing because protocol was not followed correctly, or correct documentation was not provided.

There have been 188 filtered water bottle filling stations installed.

All grants are expected to be closed out by August.

## Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)

Commissioner Suuberg said that the EPA and MassDEP are working on eliminating CSOs in Massachusetts especially along the Merrimack River.

There are new requirements for notifying the public about CSOs and new regulations are being developed.

State Revolving Fund financing often goes towards these projects and they can be expensive. With CSO projects being a high priority, we may want to consider using ARPA funds for these projects especially those in Environmental Justice communities.

Item #3

### **MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Commissioner Suuberg and seconded by Ms. Jonas-Silver and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

#### ***Approval of Clean Water Commitments***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
<b>CW-20-18</b>	<b>Barnstable</b>	<b>\$1,226,751<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1.5%<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>CW-19-41</b>	<b>West Springfield</b>	<b>\$7,239,000<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2%</b>

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<sup>1</sup> First Revision. Previous PAC amount was \$1,000,000.

<sup>2</sup> Housing Choice Loan

<sup>3</sup> First Revision: Previous PAC amount was \$6,811,000.

Item #4

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

***Approval of Drinking Water Commitment***

<b><u>PAC No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
DW-21-02	Mansfield	\$4,286,000	0% <sup>4</sup>

Item #5

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver 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***

<b><u>PRA No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
CWP-20-18	Barnstable	\$1,226,751	1.5% <sup>5</sup>
CWP-20-17	Brockton	\$1,355,227	1.5% <sup>6</sup>
CWP-20-17-A	Brockton	\$277,000	1.5% <sup>7</sup>
CWP-20-31	Chicopee	\$3,925,900	2%
CWP-20-31-A	Chicopee	\$355,660	2%
CWP-20-32	Chicopee	\$4,963,150	2%
CWP-20-14	Dudley	\$735,937	2%
CWP-19-31	Saugus	\$615,573 <sup>8</sup>	2%
CWP-19-41	West Springfield	\$6,222,000 <sup>9</sup>	2%
CWP-19-41-A	West Springfield	\$1,017,000 <sup>10</sup>	2%

Item #6

**MOTION- VOTE**

The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

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

<b><u>PRA No.</u></b>	<b><u>Borrower</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>
DW-21-01	Littleton	\$15,000,000	0% <sup>11</sup>
DW-20-33	MWRA	\$1,000,000	2%
DWP-19-27-A	West Boylston Water District of West Boylston	\$108,065	2%

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<sup>4</sup> PFAS Remediation Loan

<sup>5</sup> Housing Choice Loan

<sup>6</sup> Housing Choice Loan

<sup>7</sup> Housing Choice Loan

<sup>8</sup> First Revision. Previous PRA amount was \$536,940.

<sup>9</sup> First Revision. Previous PRA amount was \$6,066,000.

<sup>10</sup> First Revision. Previous PRA amount was \$745,000.

<sup>11</sup> PFAS Remediation Loan

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Ms. Jonas-Silver said that she will be resigning from her position at the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F). A new designee for A&F will likely be appointed by the next Board meeting.

Mr. MacDonald and Commissioner Suuberg thanks Ms. Jonas-Silver for all her work during her time as the A&F designee.

**ADJOURN:** The motion was made by Ms. Jonas-Silver and seconded by Commissioner Suuberg and voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:**

1. Minutes, May 5, 2021
2. SWIG Program Update
3. Project Descriptions

**\*Location: Remote :** Pursuant to the Governor's March 12, 2020 - [Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law](#): Notice is hereby given in accordance with M.G.L.c.30A, § 20, that the Wednesday, June 2, 2021 meeting of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's Board of Trustees will be held through remote participation.

Those interested in attending the online meeting can do so by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/93515986199?pwd=Qm9TWElPR3VMTUlkeUxVZlBaalA0dz09>. 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](mailto:jderouen@tre.state.ma.us)

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