

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

August 2, 2023
1:30 PM

Location: Remote*

Minutes

Attendees: James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
Maria Pinaud, Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Timur Yontar, Capital Budget Director, Executive Office for
Administration & Finance

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
Josh Derouen, Senior Program Associate, MCWT
Kailyn Fellmeth, Program Associate, MCWT
Jonathan Maple, Senior Program Associate, MCWT
Rachel Stanton, Investor Relations and Communications Graphic
Designer, MCWT
Kathryn Armour, Data Analyst, MCWT
Sophia Lindstrom, Summer Intern, MCWT
Robin McNamara, Deputy Director of Municipal Services, MassDEP
Greg Devine, Section Chief, MassDEP
Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP
Mary Wilkins, Communications Executive Assistant, Office of the State
Treasurer
Andrew Napolitano, Director of Communications, Office of the State
Treasurer
Emily Kowtoniuk, Legislative Director, 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 July 12, 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 July 12, 2023.

Item #2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lead Service Line (LSL) Planning Grants

Ms. Perez stated that including the grants up for vote today, 89 LSL Planning Grants have been issued for a total of \$22.7 million. 65 grants totaling approximately \$16.1 million have been issued to disadvantaged communities.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Site Visit

Ms. Perez thanked MassDEP for hosting the OIG for tours of PFAS treatment sites in Barnstable to show construction underway that is financed by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Emerging Contaminants Grant.

Federal State Revolving Fund (SRF) Allocation

Ms. Perez spoke to the Trust's efforts to work with the federal delegation as the House's appropriations bill cut SRF funding to all states by \$1.7 billion leaving \$100 million after earmarks.

The Clean Water Trust and the Office of the State Treasurer's Legislative Director met with Senator Warren office to express concerns and request earmarks for projects we are already financing.

The Trust is also working with the Governor Healey and the Treasurer Goldberg to promote this message.

The Senate budget does cut SRF funding but it does have earmarks. We will continue to monitor the reconciliation of the House and Senate's budgets.

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Ms. Pinaud and seconded by Mr. Yontar.

Ms. Perez explained that the Trust typically transfers 33% of the annual Clean Water (CW) grant to Drinking Water (DW) to help build DW capacity. The Trust is looking to do the same this year along with 33% transfers for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) CW Supplemental and Emerging Contaminants grants.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Authorization of a Permanent Funds Transfer from Clean Water to Drinking Water Equity in the amount of \$22,318,300

1. That, pursuant to and as further implementation of the Funds Transfer Program approved by the Board on January 8, 2014, the Board hereby re-affirms and approves the Executive Director's authority to make such transfers between the Clean Water SRF and the Drinking Water SRF as she determines to be necessary in an amount not to exceed 33% of the Drinking Water Grant, including the permanent transfers listed below:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount
Clean Water Base Grant	Drinking Water Base Grant	\$5,365,800
Clean Water Supplement Grant	Drinking Water Supplemental Grant	\$13,777,500
Clean Water Emerging Contaminants Grant	Drinking Water Emerging Contaminants Grant	\$3,175,000

2. That the Executive Director is further authorized to take all necessary steps to effectuate such transfer, including executing and delivering all letters, certificates, and other instruments and documents necessary or desirable in connection therewith and obtaining any necessary opinions of counsel.

Item #4

MOTION- VOTE

The motion was made by Mr. Yontar and seconded by Ms. Pinaud.

Ms. Perez explained that the Trust plans to enact a revolving loan agreement where CW funds are loaned to DW. The loaned CW funds are to be used to issue interim loans for DW projects. When those interim loans are permanently financed, the CW loan will be repaid.

Interest will not be charged between the two equity funds.

This agreement is expected to be used to expand DW capacity to finance very large projects, such as a Springfield Water & Sewer Commission project that is expected to cost \$280 million.

The motion was voted unanimously in favor of acceptance and approval of the following:

Approval of Interfund Loan Agreement

1. To authorize the Executive Director to provide for a revolving loan program from the Clean Water Equity Fund to the Drinking Water Equity Fund in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 at any one time (the “Revolving Loan”);
2. To approve the Revolving Loan Agreement in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such additions, deletions or other changes thereto as may be approved by the Executive Director of the Trust; and
3. To authorize the Executive Director and such other officers and employees of the Trust as the Executive Director may designate, acting singly, to do all acts and things and to execute and deliver any and all documents, certificates and other instruments necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance of the Revolving Loan.

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 Lead Service Line Planning Program Grant Commitments and Grant Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DWL-23-16	Attleboro	\$80,000
DWL-23-79	Burlington	\$125,000
DWL-23-76	Concord	\$168,850
DWL-23-81	Gloucester	\$242,400
DWL-23-75	Great Barrington Fire District	\$191,000
DWL-23-80	Huntington	\$132,000
DWL-22-14	Millis	\$199,782 ¹
DWL-23-78	Pembroke	\$205,220
DWL-23-77	Upton	\$110,000

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 Drinking Water Commitments

<u>PAC No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DW-22-50	Boston Water and Sewer Commission	\$10,177,113 ²	1.5% ³
DW-23-52	Norwell	\$2,343,381 ⁴	0% ⁵
DW-23-42	Somerville	\$1,917,210	1.5% ³

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 the Clean Water Loans and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
CW-21-41	Acton	\$4,500,000 ⁶	1.5% ³
CWP-22-43	Northampton	\$17,828,800	1.5% ³

¹ First Revision. Previous PAC and PRA Amounts were \$139,000.

² First Revision. Previous PAC Amount was \$10,117,113.

³ Housing Choice Loan

⁴ First Revision. Previous PAC Amount was \$1,875,000.

⁵ PFAS Remediation Loan

⁶ First Revision. Previous PRA Amount was \$3,466,850.

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 and Financing Agreements

<u>PRA No.</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
DW-22-28	Andover	\$6,989,326	1.5%³
DW-22-50	Boston Water and Sewer Commission	\$2,473,572	1.5%³
DW-23-52	Norwell	\$2,343,381	0%⁵

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 School Water Improvement Grants

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
SWIG-23-07	St Columbkille Partnership School	\$3,000
SWIG-23-08	Torah Academy 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 1:39 p.m.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED:

1. Minutes, July 12, 2023
2. Interfund Revolving Loan Agreement
3. Project Descriptions

***Location: Remote:** Notice is hereby given that the Wednesday, August 2, 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.

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