

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026
450 Child Street (Boardroom), Warren, RI**

Board Members Present:

Juan Mariscal, Chairman
Thomas Kraig, Vice-Chairman
John M. Jannitto, Board Member
Robert J. Martin, Board Member
Richard E. Fournier, Board Member
David E. Fales, Board Member
Frank J. Alfano, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Christopher Stanley, Secretary/Treasurer
Stephen Gross, Board Member

BCWA Staff Attending:

Stephen H. Coutu, Executive Director
Michael Crawford, Deputy Executive Director
Daniel Hughes, Finance Manager
Colin O'Hara, Engineering Project Manager
Lauren DeRuisseau, HR/Executive Assistant

Others Attending:

None

1. Call to Order

Pursuant to proper notice, the Board Meeting of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Mariscal at 5:01pm.

2. Public Input

There was no public input as there were no public members in attendance.

3. Minutes

a. Board Meeting – 3/26/2026

Director Alfano moved the following motion seconded by Director Martin

MOTION: To approve.

Motion unanimously by aye vote.

4. Executive Director's Report

- Pawtucket Pipeline Project – RIDOT Utility Permit was submitted in early December. We have a meeting scheduled for next Monday the 27th. All permit applications have been submitted with the exception of the blending and control station which is now at the 30% design stage. An RFP was issued on April 15th for Owner Project Manager Services to assist with managing the project. The proposed scope of services include plan review, value engineering, procurement strategies, providing independent construction costs estimates, and construction project management and inspection services.
- Demo of Water Treatment Plant/New Maintenance Garage – We expect to receive the plans and specs for the demo of the plant in the next couple of weeks. The 30% design package for the new garage is expected by May 1st.
 - Executive Director Coutu stated that the town of Warren will be notified of when we will be going out to bid for demo.
- Dam Removal/Shad Factory Pipeline Project – Private well testing wraps up this week. We received responses from the six property owners. Pare Corporation and Save the Bay are finalizing the plans for the Shad Factory pipeline removal. A grant application for the Shad Factory pipeline project was submitted on April 3rd. Appraisals are being received and we are expecting the remaining two at any time.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Program – The Rural Water Association has been making appointments to do inspections for those customers in the service line validation pool. The goal is to validate 380 customers to verify their service is non-lead. So far, 61 service locations have been validated.
- Hydrant flushing program started up and will run through May 10th. Notices were placed in the local paper as well as our website and Facebook page.
- The Fountain Avenue tank was physically disconnected and is no longer part of the system.
- Executive Director Coutu attended the Metropolitan Water Agency Conference last week in Washington, DC. This is an annual event where water and wastewater professionals meet with respective congressional delegations and discuss water policies.

Operations/Engineering Report:

- A company-wide internal presentation was presented to staff of completed, ongoing, and upcoming work in the system.
- This year's Capital Improvement Project was awarded to Boyle & Fogarty at the last meeting and that work is anticipated to start this summer.
- Boyle & Fogarty, who also had last year's project, were doing permanent patch on Child Street and Gooding Avenue this week.

5. Financial Report

(Appendix A)

Finance Manager Dan Hughes provided a financial summary for March 2026.

- The auditors started on Tuesday of this week.
- Director Fournier requested clarification on page 5 – Upper & Lower Dam Removal.

6. Board Member Town Council Reports

There were no reports.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting(s):

- i. Annual Meeting – Wednesday, May 27, 2026
- ii. Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 27, 2026

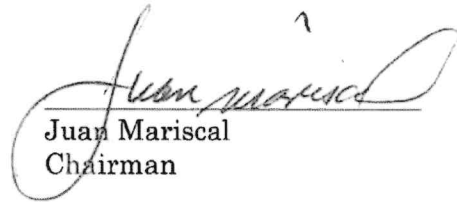
8. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Kraig moved the following motion seconded by Director Alfano

MOTION: To adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.



Juan Mariscal
Chairman