

August 26, 2022

To: Tri-Town Councils

Cc: BCWA Directors, Tri-Town State Senators and Representatives, and Key Staff

Subj: Monthly Report for September Town Council Meetings

Following are highlights and actions taken during the August Meeting:

Directors approved modifications to the BCWA Purchasing Policy, essentially dealing with three situations. Major Awards of \$500,000 or more require an affirmative vote of at least six Directors as long as there is at least one vote from each town. For small Credit Card Purchases, it specifies the Staff's position and amount limitations. All procedures are outlined for Competitive Sealed Bidding. *In Summary, only minor modifications were made to the existing policy.*

Directors approved a not to exceed award of \$25,000 to the Providence and Worcester Railroad for their standard Engineering Cost Reimbursement Agreement for analysis of a proposed engineering review of a bridge crossing at Pawtucket Ave. and an at-grade crossing on Pawtucket Ave. near East Providence and the Pawtucket line. Both situations are in conjunction with the latest Phase 2 pipeline route under design.

They also approved a not to exceed \$175,000 reimbursement to the Town of Bristol for permanent paving as a result of our ongoing improvement. This allows Bristol to incorporate our needed actions within their paving programs and thus is a cost savings to both parties. *It was noted in regard to new equipment for ongoing system improvements, many items have been greatly delayed; supply line system delays have affected our program completions and it is understood that this condition may prevail for some time.*

Directors awarded a task order not to exceed budget of \$39,360 to Pare Corp. to provide engineering and design services for roof replacement on the Administration Building in Warren. *The complex roof structure dictated the need for this special service over and above vendor bids.*

Quarterly net write-offs were noted at \$10,490 or 0.26% of Revenue.

Regarding the Drought. While Southern RI is experiencing the greater lack of rain, according to the RI Drought Steering Committee, of which BCWA is a member, both the Scituate and Pawtucket System Reservoirs are at very good levels, thus no action need be taken in Bristol County at this time.

As usual, please note that this report contains personal views of considerations and actions and is not an official publication of the BCWA.

Respectfully submitted,

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