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MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Roll Call of Members

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Mattabassett District was held on Monday, September 21, 2026, Executive Director, Arthur Simonian called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A roll call was taken. Present from the Town of Cromwell were Directors Bonnie Anderson, Doug Sienna and Joe Corlis. Present from the Town of Berlin were Directors John Dunham, Nicholas Stevens and Liam Mitchell. Present from the City of Middletown were Director Gerald Daley, Joseph Samolis and Phil Pessina. Present from the City of New Britain Directors were Mary Marrocco, Don Naples, Richard Healey, and Daniel Salerno (remote). Executive Director-Arthur G. Simonian, Attorney Edward T. Lynch-District Counsel (remote), Ty Wagner-Operations Manager (remote), Andrew Purchia- Maintenance Manager (remote) and Robin Southworth- Administrative Assistant. Middletown Board member Carl Erlacher, New Britain Board Member Tonilynn Collins and Michelle Ryan – District Engineer were absent.

Mr. Simonian stated that per section 2-5 of the Charter, the first order of business is the election of officers, beginning with the Chairman.

The Nominating Committee recommends John Dunham to the Office of Chairman.

There were no other nominations form the floor.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to close the nominations.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Mr. Samolis cast one vote by acclamation for John Dunham, Chairman.

Mr. Simonian turned the chair over to Chairman John Dunham to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

The Nominating Committee recommends Joe Samolis to the Office of Vice Chairman.

There were no other nominations form the floor.

MOTION: Mr. Pessina moved to close the nominations.

Mr. Healey seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Mr. Pessina cast one vote by acclamation for Joe Samolis, Vice-Chairman.

The Nominating Committee recommends Mary Marrocco to the Office of Secretary.

There were no other nominations form the floor.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to close the nominations.

Mr. Pessina seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Mr. Samolis cast one vote by acclamation for Mary Marrocco, Secretary.

The Nominating Committee recommends Doug Sienna to the to the Office of Treasurer.

There were no other nominations form the floor.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to close the nominations.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Mr. Pessina cast one vote by acclamation for Doug Sienna, Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee recommends Daniel Salerno to the Office of Deputy Treasurer.

There were no other nominations form the floor.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to close the nominations.

Mr. Naples seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Mr. Samolis cast one vote by acclamation for Daniel Salerno, Deputy Treasurer.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

Approval of August 17, 2026, Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Sienna moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026, Board Meeting.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

Budget Statement

MOTION: Mr. Pessina moved to approve the Budget Statement as presented.

Mr. Samolis seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

Check Register

No motion required.

Staff Reports

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to approve the Staff Reports as presented.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion:

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engineering Committee

Approved the Engineering Committee minutes of August 27, 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to approve the minutes of August 27th, 2026.

Mr. Pessina seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

Finance Committee

No Report

Human Resources Committee

No Report

Property Management

No Report

Public Relations Committee

Approved the Public Relations Committee minutes of August 27, 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Daley moved to approve the minutes of August 27th, 2026.

Mr. Pessina seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

Assessment Planning Committee

No Report

Counsel Report

No Report.

New Business

a. Committee Assignments-

a1. Finance Committee

In accordance with Section 4-1 of the Charter the Nominating Committee recommends that The Board of Directors appoint Nick Stevens, representing the Town of Berlin, Phil Pessina, representing the City of Middletown, Rick Healey, representing the City of New Britain, Joe Corlis and Doug Sienna, representing the Town of Cromwell to the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to accept the Finance Committee assignments.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

a2. Committee Assignments:

In accordance with Section 2-5 of the Charter and Section 14 of the By-Laws the Nominating Committee recommends the following **Engineering, Human Resources, Property Management and Public Relations** committee assignments, and recommends granting to the Chairman, of the Board, John Dunham, the right to make reassignments in 2026-2027, as deemed appropriate.

1. Engineering Committee -John Dunham, Liam Mitchell, Bonnie Anderson, Phil Pessina, Don Naples, and Nick Stevens with John Dunham as Chair.
2. Human Resources Committee -Gerald Daley, Doug Sienna, Joseph Samolis, Tonilynn Collins and Mary Marrocco with Gerald Daley as Chair.
3. Property Management Committee – Daniel Salerno, Bonnie Anderson, Mary Marrocco, Gerald Daley with Daniel Salerno as Chair.
4. Public Relations: Joseph Samolis, Phil Pessina, Daniel Salerno, Joe Corlis and John Dunham with Joseph Samolis as the Chair.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to accept the Committee assignments.

Mr. Salerno seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

a3. Board Clerk:

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors appoint Arthur G. Simonian, Executive Director as the Board Clerk.

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to approve the Board Clerk

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

Communications

Adjournment:

Mr. Samolis moved, no second necessary, and the committee approved unanimously to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on **Monday, October 19th**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, 245 Main Street, Cromwell, CT.