

**Executive Committee
June 9, 2008 Meeting**

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Michael Pace, Chairman
Marc Cooper
Linda Savitsky

CRRA Staff Present:

Tom Kirk, President
Jim Bolduc, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Bzdya, Government Relations Liaison
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
Paul Nonnenmacher, Director of Public Affairs
Moirra Kenney, Secretary to the Board/Paralegal

Other Board member present: Ted Martland

Also present: Jenny Smith of Pita Communications

Chairman Pace called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2008, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Pace requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting. The motion was made by Director Cooper and seconded by Director Savitsky. Director Cooper noted that his first name was spelled incorrectly. The minutes were approved as amended and discussed. Director Savitsky abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2008, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Pace made a motion to table the minutes of the February 12, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Cooper.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2008, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Pace requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting. The motion was made by Chairman Pace and seconded by Director Cooper. The minutes were approved as presented. Director Savitsky abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

4. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Mr. Nonnenmacher said he was attempting to improve communications between CRRA and the first selectman and mayors of the member towns. He explained this discussion would provide a direction regarding attempts by management to make better communication efforts.

Director Savitsky said that she was concerned the CRRA had been damaged by bad press. She said that she wanted to bring positive press to CRRA through public events and improved communication efforts.

The Committee discussed the impact of present litigation on CRRA's public image at length.

Ms. Smith said that she suspected that much of the public was ignorant of CRRA's purpose. Ms. Smith proposed a two-pronged approach to the CRRA's public affairs campaign. She suggested that CRRA concentrate on creating a positive buzz utilizing public appearances and strengthening communication efforts to the member towns representatives. She also suggested exposing the motives of those parties seeking to damage CRRA.

Director Savitsky urged management to work on internal communications and to use a small cadre of staff to focus their efforts on circulating more information electronically. Director Savitsky said e-mail blasts and other electronic communication have the advantage of circulating information both quickly and accurately. She also suggested that a staff member be present at any function which avails CRRA the opportunity to make their presence known.

Mr. Nonnenmacher said that he will attend more functions. The Committee also discussed the advantage of having contact Board members communicate with the member town's representatives. Director Savitsky stated that she felt Director Karanian's suggestion that a group of representatives from the member towns be utilized as a sounding board by management is an excellent idea.

6. DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Kirk said that recent Federal convictions offer CRRA the possibility of acquiring assets which may be up for sale and/or auction. He explained the acquisition of some or all of pieces of these assets fits into the state-wide strategic plan and may assist CRRA's efforts to best serve the State of Connecticut.

There was substantial discussion by the Committee regarding the complicated legal and bonding issues involved in the possibility of CRRA acquiring these new assets.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pace requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, real estate acquisition, RFP responses, and personnel matters with appropriate staff. The motion made by Director Cooper and seconded by Director O'Brien was approved by roll

call. Chairman Pace requested that the following people be invited to the Executive Session in addition to the Directors:

Tom Kirk
Jim Bolduc
Laurie Hunt

The Executive Session began at 2:37 p.m. and concluded at 3:25 p.m. Chairman Pace noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Cooper seconded the motion. The motion previously made and seconded was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Moira Kenney
Secretary to the Board/Paralegal