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(c) In the first three years of its existence, the Clean Water Fund Board shall prioritize under subsection (b) of this section recommendation of awards or assistance to municipalities for municipal compliance with the water quality requirements.

(d) Unexpended balances and any earnings shall remain in the Fund from year to year.

§ 1389. CLEAN WATER FUND BOARD

(a) Creation. There is created a Clean Water Fund Board which shall be attached to the Agency of Administration for administrative purposes.

(b) Organization of the Board. The Clean Water Fund Board shall be composed of:

(1) The Secretary of Administration or designee.

(2) The Secretary of Natural Resources or designee.

(3) The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee.

(4) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or

designee.

(5) The Secretary of Transportation or designee.

(6) Three members of the public or the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, each of whom shall be from separate watersheds of the State. At least one of the members appointed under this subdivision shall be a municipal official.

(7) Three members of the public or the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees, each of whom shall be from separate watersheds of the State. At least one of the members appointed under this subdivision shall be a municipal official.

(8) Two members of the public appointed by the Governor.

(c) Officers; committees; rules. The Clean Water Fund Board shall annually elect a chair from its members. The Clean Water Fund Board may elect additional officers from its members, establish committees or subcommittees, and adopt procedural rules as necessary and appropriate to perform its work.

(d) Member terms. Members of the Clean Water Fund Board appointed by the Governor shall serve initial terms of three years, members appointed by the Speaker of the House shall serve initial terms of two years, and members appointed by the Committee on Committees shall serve initial terms of one year. Thereafter, each of the above appointed members shall serve a term of three years. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the unexpired term. An appointed member shall not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms.

(e) Compensation and expense reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, any legislative members of the Clean Water Fund Board shall be

entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(2) Other members of the Board who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010, to be paid from the budget of the Agency of Administration.

(f) Powers and duties of the Clean Water Fund Board.

(1) The Clean Water Fund Board shall have the following powers and authority:

(A) to receive proposals from the Secretaries of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, of Commerce and Community Development, of Natural Resources, and of Transportation on the expenditures of the Fund;

(B) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Administration regarding the appropriate allocation of funds from the Clean Water Fund for the purposes of developing the State budget; and

(C) to pursue and accept grants, gifts, donations, or other funding from any public or private source and to administer such grants, gifts, donations, or funding consistent with the terms of the grant, gift, or donation.