

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

May 4, 2021

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

City	Present	Absent	Town	Present	Absent
Marc Nelson	X		Jay Baisley	X	
Rich DuPilka	X		Bill Carlos	X	
Sara Salem		X	Jessica Lopez		X

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Don Beer, Clark Patterson Lee
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer
Tom Colgan, Town Water Supervisor
Jim Horan, Wallace and Wallace

Meeting was conducted online utilizing Zoom.

1. Approval of April 6, 2021 Minutes.

Minutes approved 4-0

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli stated that **Agenda Item #7**, Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters" was not, the way it was worded, a valid reason to enter into Executive Session and she suggested the attorney state the correct wording if the Board did go into Executive Session. Doreen stated that if Board goes into Executive Session she wants to be able to return once meeting is reopened.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt advised that plant is operating well. Production averaged 11 MGD which is creeping up as normal. Randy stated that turbidity event between December and March has decreased to normal range. Randy stated we are working with Riverkeeper and the Hudson 7 on this issue. Randy stated there was a press conference in Ulster County to advise public of the turbidity problems in the Lower Esopus as a result of NYDEP discharges from the Ashokan reservoir.

Randy stated that Low Lift #3 return has been delayed due to COVID infection in repair shop. Randy stated the rebuild of pumps has been very successful. Once Low Lift #3 is returned and operational we will schedule Low Lift #4 repairs which

Randy stated that the chemical bid will result in an increase of \$20,000 which is 4.2 percent of our chemical budget. Randy stated that he believes this will not impact overall budget.

Randy stated we have switched ozone contactor basins.

Randy stated 5 mechanics were out with COVID, all would be returning this week. Randy thanked both City and Town for offering additional staff as needed, which it was not.

4. Update on 2021 Operating Budget.

Randy Alstadt stated that expenses are in line with budget. Randy stated that expenses to date are 28% as 33% of year has been expended. Randy explained that Rent/Lease vehicle is budgeted under Rent/Lease Equipment which requires a transfer.

Marc Nelson status of electric contract. Randy advised that we had received quotes from a broker with lowest price less than current contract. Typically, the City electric accounts are included, however, City has not been included due to perceived conflict with existing contract.

5. 2020 Reconciliation

Marc Nelson stated he believes Reconciliation has been agreed to. Jay Baisley stated he has reviewed with his staff and the Town is in agreement. Marc stated he was pleased that staff completed this on time. Jim Horan stated that minutes should show that City and Town accepted Reconciliation. Marc stated that AUD was completed and filed with State.

6. UV Replacement

Randy stated that as he said documents are expected to be available to bid in April with construction to be concluded by end of 2021 or early 2022.

7. Wholesale Water Sales to Village of Wappingers Falls

Jay Baisley stated Village is interested in having emergency connection. Jay is working to get two way connection. Jim Horan stated that Village is having problem with manganese and may need temporary water. Bill Carlos asked if we need action from Board. Jay Baisley stated not at this time and he is working with Village.

8. Discussion Regarding Personnel Matters (Executive Session)

Marc Nelson stated that this issue was added to discuss activities at plant caused by COVID infection. Marc stated as this has been resolved we will not need to enter Executive Session. Marc stated that there can be a need to discuss staff and when this occurs it should be in Executive Session. Jim Horan stated that Personal Matters should be acceptable.

9. Old Business

Marc Nelson stated that he has drafted letter to Central Hudson to advise that City is decommissioning the old College Hill Reservoir. Mark read letter to Board. Marc expects to complete decommissioning in June or July.

Jim Horan stated that contract for East Fishkill is to provide 40,000 gpd for 225 days. Jim has provided Board addendum to County contract. Jim read addendum and Board approved 4-0.

10. New Business

Bill Carlos motioned that Board invite Bill Richardson, Manager NYDEP, to next meeting to discuss Ashokan Reservoir discharges. He also wanted to invite DEC to meeting. Jay Baisley seconded. Board approved 4-0. Marc Nelson requested that Bill send him contacts and addresses and he would get letter out by email.

Randy stated that he has two change orders that need Board approval. Tighe&Bond requested \$14,000 for design of new UPS Building. This change order also amends contract to comply with EFC requirements. Bill Carlos moved to execute Change Order, Rich DuPilka seconded. Board approved 4-0.

Randy stated Armani has requested a Change Order in the amount of \$16,400 to add PLCs in High Lift Pump room that have become problematic. Bill Carlos asked where money will come from. Randy stated it would be covered under contingency for project. Randy stated that that he has meeting with City and EFC to review budget on Friday. Bill Carlos Motion to approve. Rich Duplika seconded. Board approved 4-0.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2021 4:30PM. By ZOOM.