

# Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

September 7, 2021

## Minutes

### ATTENDANCE

#### Board Members

City	Present	Absent	Town	Present	Absent
Marc Nelson	X		Jay Baisley	X	
Rich DuPilka	X		Bill Carlos	X	
Sakima	X		Charlie	X	
McClinton			Emberger		

#### Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator  
Don Beer, Clark Patterson Lee  
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer  
Jim Horan, Wallace and Wallace (via telephone)  
Tom Colgan, Town Water Supervisor  
Eric Chastain, Central Hudson

#### 1. Approval of August 3, 2021 Minutes

Minutes approved 6-0.

#### 2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli stated she wanted to address last meeting where it was said Joint Water Board 2019 Audit was completed. She pointed out that the Audit has not been issued.

Doreen further stated that the State Comptroller issued 6 deficiencies including need to determine appropriate administration cost which has not been done.

#### 3. Central Hudson Update

Eric Chastain advised Board that they are not proposing changes to dredging plan. Eric stated there will not be any dredging this year.

Eric presented a proposal to install an air curtain around the plant water intake that could prevent intake of contaminants. This proposal will Eric stated proposal was to pilot test in river and would require DEC approval. Eric stated that they are now considering performing test in laboratory.

Bill Carlos expressed concern that bubbles would not be effective in the Hudson River as it is an estuary that flows both ways.

Marc Nelson stated that a test is a test and it will not cost City or Town.

Eric stated that installations in rivers have found bubble curtain is effective in reducing turbidity and keeping fish away.

**4. Plant Status Report**

Randy Alstadt advised that plant is operating well. Randy stated that UV problems are currently resolved.

Randy stated that Low Lift #4 has been upgraded and returned to service. All Low Lift Pumps have been upgraded and are working properly.

**5. Update on 2021 Operating Budget.**

Randy Alstadt stated that expenses are in line with budget. Randy stated that expenses to date are 53% as 58% of year has been expended. Randy pointed out that maintenance expenses are at 55%. Marc Nelson asked if facility is fully staffed. Randy stated we are.

**6. Proposed 2022 Operating Budget**

Randy Alstadt stated that he met with Charlie Emberger and Brian Martinez to review Randy's budget. Charlie and Brian stated they would like Randy to reduce proposal to 1-percent. Randy itemized the additions. A followup meeting will be scheduled

Marc Nelson stated that City can provide money under the American Recovery Plan Grant. Marc recommended he and Jay Baisley meet to review options.

Charlie Emberger expressed concern that cost of water has gone up 22-percent while cost to wholesale has increased 9-percent. Charlie stated Town received Grant to replace meters between City and Town.

Bill Carlos stated that no customers should pay less than City or Town customers. Jay Baisley agreed. Marc Nelson agreed, however, contracts set price and pathway to increase rates.

It was agreed that Randy Alstadt, Charlie Emberger and Brian Martinez are to meet to review Randy's budget proposal and report back at next meeting.

**7. Update on Capital Budget**

Randy stated that Armani and Hudson Valley Electric met to review project. It was determined that Hudson Valle Electric did not include all the work needed in filter control installation We will be working to identify what was left off and how work was shown in bid documents.

Randy stated trailer fabrication is now being delayed due to faulty steel which has to be reordered. Additional delay is due to COVID issues and lack of qualified workforce.

Randy stated we continue waiting State DOH approval on UV design. Once approved we will be able to put project out to bid.

**8. Hydrogeologic Assessment/Buckingham Properties  
Village of Wappingers Falls**

Jay Baisley advised that the Village wants water for new development in the amount of 20,000 gpd. Jay stated that they will be submitting a formal request.

**9. Old Business**

None.

**10. New Business.**

None.

***Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 5, 2021, 4:30 PM on ZOOM***