

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on September 14, 2011. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, S. Miller, E. Gilligan, and J. Bianchini.

Others present: M. Hooker, A. Geiss, T. Pickard, L. Khanzadian, and G. Miller.

I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 10, 2011 were, on motion by F. Picardi, seconded by E. Gilligan, approved by all Members.

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- M. Hooker reviewed the Executive Director's report.
- Discussed upgrade necessary for the Banner billing software. Evaluating cost of upgrade and the possible alternatives.
- Reviewed a recent (9/7/11) article in the Wall Street Journal regarding Sunoco and their interest in getting out of the refining business. OCWA currently provides water to the Sunoco ethanol plant in Volney, NY
- Reviewed and discussed water sales report and production numbers. Noted the changes regarding residential and commercial sales related to reclassification of commercial customers formerly carried as residential accounts.
- Discussion of growth and potential water sales. M. Hooker will contact the Onondaga County Director of Economic Development and continue discussions with Centerstate CEO regarding marketing CNY water to industrial users.
- Reviewed an OCCRA / OCWA partnering agreement aimed at providing informational training to school age children. OCWA's estimated cost of participation is \$15,000 for roughly 500 sustainability presentations per year which are provided by a professional educator retained by OCRRA.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer's Report.
- Reviewed lake level and reported that it is 7.5 inches from the top of the dam.
- Reviewed the change orders submitted on the water storage tank projects.  
-Western 20mg storage tank. Additional riprap stone to prevent erosion. Cost \$22,874.20. Additional engineering inspection beyond contract completion date. Credit: (\$20,535.53). Total: \$2,338.68

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board approved the change order as outlined for the Western 20mg storage tank.

- Eastern 30mg storage tank. Additional riprap, replacing harness rods, and instrumentation vault drain. Total Cost: \$14,523.00.

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members approving, the Board approved the change order as outlined for the Eastern 30mg storage tank

- Eastern 20mg storage tank. Replacement of (2) 16" flanged butterfly valves. Total cost: \$23,199.54.

On motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members approving, the Board approved the change order as outlined for the Eastern 20mg storage tank

- Continue to evaluate the water pressure at OCC.



There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board adjourned the regular Board meeting at 2:30 p.m. and convened to Executive Session to discuss pending arbitration proceedings with the Teamsters.

Executive Session adjourned and returned to regular session at 3:35pm

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board approved Mr. Bianchini's proposal to implement a 10% healthcare insurance premium contribution for all non-bargaining unit personnel not already contributing. The contribution will become effective January 3, 2012 to coincide with the first pay of the New Year and are to be commensurate with respective wages adjustments.

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board approved Mr. Bianchini's proposal to grant a \$1,000 bonus to each of the OCWA Administrative team members in recognition of their efforts and contributions to the Authority over the past 12-months.

There being no further business to come before Board, upon motion the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Friday October 14, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Khanzadian, Recording Secretary