

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on February 17, 2011. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, E. Gilligan, and J. Bianchini. Others present: M. Hooker, A. Geiss, T. Pickard, L. Khazadian, and C. Marvin.

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

II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 20, 2011, were approved by all Members in the room on Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini.

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
- Met with the Town of Dewitt, Engineer, and will meet again in March to continue discussions on Dewitt's inquiry with respect to the Town purchasing water directly from MWB.
- The onsite portion of the 2010 audit conducted by Dermody, Burke & Brown is complete and the final audit report will be presented prior to, and then discussed, at the March Board meeting.
- OCWA's rate schedule effective March 1 has been published in the Post Standard and in Eagle Newspapers. In addition, Channel 9 and WSYR radio conducted an interview and aired the information on February 8 and 9. Any inquiries or feedback have been favorable.
- Distributed the AMWA Water Utility 2010 Utility Financial Information (UFI) Survey for review.

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members in the room approving, the Board convened as the Finance Committee at 1:05 p.m. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting are filed separately with these Minutes.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by R. Tomeny, with all Members in the room approving, the Board returned to the regular Board meeting at 1:19p.m.

On Motion by E. Gilligan, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members in the room approving, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee to name Stifel Nicolaus as the Bond Underwriter.

- Discussed OCWA's participation in the EPA's Water Sense Partnership Program. Through the program OCWA will continue to promote water conservation and display the Water Sense logo on OCWA's web page.
- Advised the Board of a presentation to the Onondaga County Environmental Protection Committee Meeting on February 9, 2011 relating to the Eastern & Western tank projects and an overview of the OCWA rate changes.
- Robert Antonnaci, Onondaga County Comptroller, and staff reviewed OCWA's files for Western Reservoir, Eastern Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant projects as part of an evaluation of the County's Project Labor Agreement renewal.
- OCWA has been named Government Recycler of the Year as well as a Blue Ribbon recycler by OCCRA.
- Discussed Genapole, an IT company that works on Software and Hardware issues at OCWA, and the secure nature of the services provided. Requested designation as a

sole source provider due to knowledge required to provide services to OCWA, as well as IT security related duties.

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members in the room approving, Genapole, Inc. was approved as a sole source provider through December 31, 2011.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer's Report.
- Disclosed to the OCWA Board his participation on the Town of Van Buren Planning Board.
- Discussed the February 15, 2011 kick-off meeting for the construction of the Eastern 20mg tank. Natgun was sent a Notice to proceed on February 28, 2011 and the project should be approximately 90% complete by December 1, 2011. Tank testing to follow in the spring of 2012. Natgun and DYK have merged to form DNK Tanks.
- Reviewed the need for additional Engineering work on the Northern Concourse Roof, Siding and HVAC project due to the extension of the project area. Request for an additional \$32,000.00. Bids are expected to be in by March 2, 2011 for the project and will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

On Motion, by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members in the room approving, the Board agreed to a Change Order of \$32,000.00 for additional Engineering services.

- Gates are open on Otisco Lake in anticipation of warm weather melt and the water rising.
- Southern Branch Pumping Stations, Thurber Street and Seneca Turnpike. Reviewed the selection of Malcolm Pirnie through New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for testing and energy evaluation. Solicitation of proposals will be requested for the final design and construction.

On Motion by E. Gilligan, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members in the room, approved the selection of Malcolm Pirnie for testing, energy evaluation and design recommendation.

- Provided an overview of the three tank projects and distributed a project budget review.
- E. Gilligan inquired about water testing and detection of contaminants. Recommended customer reminders on proper disposal of prescription drugs.
- Reported Otisco Lake level at -15.00 inches.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed his Legal Report.
- Requested that the Board convene as the Governance Committee

On Motion by R. Tomeny, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members in the room approving, the Board adjourned as the Governance Committee at 2:30 p.m. Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting are filed separately with these Minutes.

On Motion by R. Tomeny, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members in the room approving, the Governance Committee adjourned and returned to the regular Board meeting at 3:05 p.m.

- Reviewed the recent meeting with Brown & Brown insurance to discuss additional insured's and contractual agreements.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES /INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed the Human Resource and Insurance/Risk Management report.

- Reviewed the recent ARRA audit of the Western tank projects MBE/WBE participation. Outcome was favorable with no noted deficiencies.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Geiss reviewed the proposed interim use and occupancy permit and purchase of land in the Village of Camillus, from the NYSDOT, for the construction of a pump station.

Terms and conditions have been reviewed and Board approval is recommended.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members in the room approving, the Board approved the NYSDOT permit and purchase of the land.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, the Board adjourned the regular Board meeting at 3:15pm and convened in Executive Session to discuss an Employee Relations issue.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and returned to the regular Board meeting at 3:40 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members in the room approving, the Board adjourned the regular Board meeting 3:45 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 12:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian, Recording Secretary