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The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on June 24, 2009. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, C. Incaudo, F. Picardi, W. Simmons and H. Rosenthal.

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

I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

II. Minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2009 were approved by all Members on motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by H. Rosenthal.

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- Introduced C. Marvin to review the Quarterly Investment Report.

On Motion by W. Simmons, duly seconded by H. Rosenthal, with all Members approving, the Board convened as the Audit Committee.

- C. Incaudo, Chairman of the Audit Committee requested that C. Marvin review the distributed Quarterly reports. C. Marvin discussed the rate of return on OCWA investments, which continues to be low due to the required AAA rating OCWA seeks on money market investments. C. Marvin reported that he has had a preliminary discussion with M & T on alternatives to increasing yields on investment and will report at the August Board meeting. Reported that operating reserves are approximately 40-45 days out.

On Motion by R. Tomeny, duly seconded by F. Picardi with all Members approving, the Audit Committee adjourned and reconvened to the regular Board at 12:50pm.

On Motion by C. Incaudo, duly seconded by H. Rosenthal with all Members the Board accepted the Report of the Audit Committee.

- Reviewed his Executive Director's Report.
- Reviewed the Commercial accounts that have ceased in the last year.
- Discussed residential consumption.
- Reported that a meeting with the Town of Dewitt to discuss options for OCWA to operate the Town's water system is scheduled for 6/26/2009.
- Provided an update on the meeting of June 19, 2009 with the Town of Skaneateles at which various options and opportunities were discussed that might allow OCWA to be involved with the operation of the Town's system.
- Distributed and reviewed the results of OCWA's first-ever Customer Service survey.
- Discussed NYS revolving funds and stimulus funds applications: Water Treatment Plant upgrade, Western Tank, Eastern 30MG Tank, Eastern 20MG tank, Northern concourse roof and siding, West Hill system.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed his Chief Engineer's Report.
- Reported that M. Hooker received a letter from the Otisco Lake Preservation Association regarding the collection of floating weeds. The Association will receive partial funding from Onondaga County Health Department and has asked for OCWA's participation. After considerable discussion, the Board concurred that OCWA should remain active at Association meetings and in a letter to the Association offer in-kind assistance. Recommended that

OCWA request, from the Association, a plan and an outline of projected expenses for the weed removal. OCWA will offer the use of its boat launch facility to assist with launch of weed collection barge.

- Reported that the Otisco lake level is +4.0”
- Reported that flushing has begun on Onondaga Hill.
- Reported on the progress of the Eastern Tank project indicating that full construction is underway and that the delay caused by the SWPPP has been resolved. OCWA has received a change order in the amount of \$26,000 from DYK because of the delayed start due to wage increases and construction material costs. The change order request is currently being evaluated.
- At the Western tank project site, steel is being installed and preparation has begun for a concrete pour at the rate of 200 yards per hour.
- Evaluating options available in order for OCWA to access the Howlett Hill tank. A meeting has been set up with a nearby homeowner to discuss alternatives for access. Requested authorization to spend up to \$75,000 for road preparation if necessary.
- Discussed ongoing flushing activities and use of a chlorine booster at Granby system due to low chlorine residual. Low chlorine residual is the effect of the limited number of customers connected to system
- G. Miller reported on Capital projects.
- Update on the transition of gas chlorine to liquid chlorine at the Intake site and the Treatment Plant. The back-up cylinder is scheduled for removal on Monday, 6/29/09.
- Chlorine dioxide system testing and start-up at the Intake is scheduled for the next two weeks.
- Reported that masonry wall construction at the Treatment plant is scheduled to occur over the next few weeks.
- New generator has been installed at the Water Treatment Plant.
- OCWA crews are performing repairs on the transmission mains between the Lake and the treatment plant as part of the treatment plant improvement project.
- Reported that approximately \$7,900,000 out of \$13,300,000 project cost has been spent to date on the water treatment improvement project. The remaining contingency amount is approximately \$850,000. Additional work has been identified which would be covered by the contingency. Reviewed the requested Change Order #5 requested by Falter that totals \$63,763.27. The change order included five items:

1. Transmission Main Right-of-Way clearing	\$13,518.75
2. Asbestos cement pipe removal and disposal.	\$ 2,976.46
3. Addl electrical conduit and wire for chlorine dioxide	\$ 1,100.00
4. Refinish exterior of building #1 and #2	\$ 7,073.54
5. Replace chlorine solution lines	\$39,094.54

On Motion by C. Incaudo, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board authorized Change order #5 as outlined and discussed.

- Reported that the chemical changes made allow OCWA to request removal from the EPA risk management program related to hazardous chemicals.
- G. Miller reviewed upcoming change order #6 for the water treatment plant:
  1. Road improvements and paving at intake



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As there was no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned 2:400pm. The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary