



# ALBANY CSO Pool Communities

A collaboration between the cities of Albany, Cohoes,  
Troy, Watervliet & Rensselaer and the Village of Green Island

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## Minutes of the Corporation Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2020

10:00 am

Zoom Online Meeting

### Board Members Present:

Tom Dufresne – Albany Water Board

Bill Simcoe - Albany Water Board

Mark Hendricks – City of Rensselaer

Mark Spain – City of Watervliet

Chris Wheland - City of Troy

Garry Nathan – City of Cohoes and Village of Green Island

Gerry Moscinski – Rensselaer County Sewer District

Tim Murphy – Albany County Water Purification District

### Also Present:

Martin Daley – CDRPC Staff

Tom White – CDRPC Staff

Mark Castiglione- CDRPC Staff

Mike Miller- APJVT (CHA)

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Board President Bill Simcoe called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The meeting was held online to comply with NYPAUSE.

### II. Reading and Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2020

The minutes were distributed before the meeting.

*Action taken*

Mark Hendricks made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them and Gary Nathan Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. May Financial Report**

Tom White summarized the May financial report that was distributed prior to the meeting. There has been no activity since March. Martin reminded the board members to submit invoices to the Corporation to process. Admin expenses are on track. Roughly \$300,000 remains in the Corporation Account. Garry asked about invoice process, and Tom reminded the board that invoices that are submitted can be reviewed by the board at the meetings and then invoiced back for the remaining shares.

**IV. Vendor Invoices**

The Corporation has one invoice to review, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q of FY 2020 (Jan 1 - March 30). Martin detailed how NYSDOS provided grant support, at 90%, for staff time and fringe. The grant does not cover overhead. The invoice amount is \$8605.25 that would be shared by the Pool Communities. The remaining invoice amount would be billed to NYSDOS. Bill Simcoe asked if the PCCMP work would be covered by the grant. Martin believes it will because the Pool Venture Team's LTCP admin work was part of the application.

*Action taken*

Tom Dufrene made a motion to accept the invoice for payment and Mark Hendricks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. EFC "Big C Update"**

Bill Simcoe provided an update on their financing application to NYSEFC, which was completed in March and has been closed on. Chris reported an application was submitted for Troy and they are awaiting a closing. For Cohoes, Garry reported the application has been submitted but no closing date has been submitted. EFC has yet to get acknowledgement it has been received. Mark Spain reported the City of Watervliet was in process with their application.

**VI. Albany Permit Mod Update**

Albany, DEC and EFC have been in discussion on their SPDES permit modification and a timeline. Bill Simcoe reported there was some confusion about whether the permit mod was needed before design completion – which is needed for advertisement of bids and awards. They anticipate October awards for construction, and want to ensure being on schedule. The Consent order NTP is 4/1/21 and there is concern a delay in permit mod could impact these dates. Mike Miller added that parts of the project are being advertised early, such as the S Pearl connection, the screen replacements at the plant and perhaps the tunneling work. Bill reminded the board they wish to draw down on their \$5m WQIO for the screening and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, and then ½ of the \$10m of the EFC IMG grant funds would be used next (with the remaining \$5 for the end) this would help cash flow for the project.

Bill reported Mereline was completed.

Chris Wheland reported that 123<sup>rd</sup> St. has been completed.

Garry reported that Arcadis' engineering agreement was approved for Columbia St. Phase II. The City was awarded a WQIP grant and the Council will consider acceptance on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VII. Other Business**

Martin is working with Arcadis to collect raw excel data for the tributary sampling done as part of the PCCMP. NYSDEC Estuary staff had requested the raw data.

Albany is conducting some tributary sampling on the Patroon Creek and the Krumkill.

Chris Wheland shared the City had received 40,000 washable cloth masks from FEMA for water and wastewater operators. These were made possible by NYWARN / NYAWWA and all that's needed is to go to the NYWARN / NYAWWA website simply to report how many you plan to take. Or contact Chris for the website.

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Garry Nathan made a motion to adjourn and Chris Wheland seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martin Daley, CDRPC Director of Water Quality Programs

*Sean E. Ward*

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Albany CSO Pool Communities Corporation Secretary