



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, March 11, 2021

10:00 am

Zoom Online Meeting

Board Members Present:

Bill Simcoe - Albany Water Board

Mark Hendricks – City of Rensselaer

Chris Wheland - City of Troy

Garry Nathan – City of Cohoes

Sean Ward – Village of Green Island

Maggie Alix – Village of Green Island

Joe Semen Graves – City of Cohoes

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 10:05 am. The meeting was held online to comply with NYPAUSE.

Watervliet has not had a representative attend a meeting in several months and board members expressed some concern. The City did submit a recent nomination letter for Designee and Alternate. Martin will reach out to the City and request they attend the next series of meetings as larger invoices will be processed.

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2021

The minutes were distributed before the meeting. Bill noticed a name was missing from a motion to second. Martin will confirm the correct second, referring to the meeting recording video, and amend.

Action taken

Sean Ward made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as amended and Mark Hendricks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Report

Tom White summarized the March 1 Financial Report. Albany submitted \$1.4m of invoices. Rensselaer and Cohoes submitted payments. \$351,000 remains in the Corporation account and 3% of budgeted expenditures for the year have been booked. Tom reported that on the community balance report, community balances in “()” represent an “owed-to” a community.

IV. Vendor Invoices

No vendor invoices have been submitted.

V. Operation, Maintenance and Inspection Plans (“OM&I Plans”)

Tim Murphy, from the Albany County Water Purification District, requested martin communicate since regulator and weir retrofits occurred after Cohoes, Watervliet and Green Island submitted their OM&I Plans to the NYSDEC. The communities are urged to review their own plans, determine if and what changes may be needed to modify the plans to incorporate changes to the structures.

Mike Miller urged the communities to reflect upon the performance metrics of the Asset Management Plans and be cognizant of how those plans inform annual inspections and SPEDES reports.

VI. EFC Disbursement and Reconciliation

Martin expressed a desire to reconcile the disbursements from EFC with the communities to true up credits and debts. He will work with Troy once payment clears the City, to invoice the city on behalf of the other communities.

VII. Project Updates

Bill Simcoe reported Phase I has been awarded to Malloy. Phase II will be issued an NTP next week with Jet industries and Spring Electric. Phase II has been modified to offset throttling immediately before the screens at the plant headworks. The District and Albany have proposed an upstream gate to throttle and thus protect the new screens from high velocity flows. This proposal was presented by the District to EFC and DEC with a series of alternatives. The gate alternative estimated the gate cost to be

~\$400,000. The technical memo was accepted by EFC and Phase II has been approved by EFC. Phase III, the Delaware Ave. diversion tunneling has been bid and awarded and the contract is being executed. Albany is seeking additional funds from EFC for the Third Ave. Tunnel, and Albany needs more funds to issue NTP for Riffenburg. The Technical force account proposal is pending. The Phase V(G) contract has been awarded to Keller. No more technical comments remain, and we are awaiting completion of the SPEDES permit public notice to close before DEC and EFC will issue approval. NTP will follow. 5(E) award is pending. 5(H) is being rebid due to several questions from bidders, new bids will come April 6th. Plumbing has yet to be awarded.

\$52,994,000 is the latest estimate for the Big-C Satellite Treatment Facility. With Contingency, this raises the project cost to \$56,040,00. Total, minus the phase IV contract is \$43,899,000, below the City bond amount for the project.

Bill expressed interest in seeking board approval for the City to amend their financing to ensure them the ability to borrow more funds for the project. The other communities may need to amend their financings as well.

Martin reminded the board that the IMA Board was the vehicle for discussion and ratification, and he will add this as an item for the April 8th IMA meeting. He will also add this to the agenda for the DEC/EFC meeting scheduled for 4/8. Mike Miller urged the city to press EFC on the additional funds because of the sensitive timing, and the federal relief money may provide some new opportunity.

Garry Nathan reported the public meetings were held for Colubia Street Phase II. The Green Infrastructure component for the project will be tweaked and relocated. Arcadis is looking to reduce pipe depth for cost savings. On Vliet St. a report was submitted to EFC and a GIGP fund request was submitted. The design contract went to the City Council. With approval, the survey crew could get out as early as April. The plan and spec milestone is 10/15/21. NYSOPRHP may provide some trail funding.

Martin communicated the NTP compliance letter went to DEC. A notice of compliance was submitted that SEQRA and Eminent Doman compliance dates have been met.

Chris reported preliminary design work has begun.

Sean Ward announced he will be resigning from his position with the Village of Green Island and Maggie Alix will be assuming his responsibilities. Sean will be stepping down from the CSO Board, and thus the board will need to ratify a Green Island representative and elect a new secretary. Board members and staff thanked Sean for his service and dedication to the program.

Martin reported he is still working with NYSDOS to get to contract execution for the NYSDOS Local Government Efficiency Grant Program.

I. Adjourn

Garry Nathan made a motion to adjourn, and Chris Wheland seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 10:42am. The next meeting is April 8th.

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

Sean E. Ward

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Albany CSO Pool Communities Corporation Secretary