



ALBANY CSO Pool Communities

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

Minutes for Corporation Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2022

10:00am

Meeting Held Via Zoom and streamed on the CDRPC YouTube Channel
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8z3xxqwaU2l>)

Board Members Present:

Bill Simcoe, P.E. – Albany Water Board
Garry Nathan, P.E. – City of Cohoes
Andrew Golden – City of Troy
Mark Hendricks, P.E. – City of Rensselaer
Maggie Alix – Village of Green Island
Tom Dufresne – Albany Water Board
Chris Wheland – City of Troy

Also Present:

Mark Castiglione – CDRPC Staff (joining virtually)
Martin Daley – CDRPC Staff
Tom White – CDRPC Staff
Tim Murphy – ACWPD

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting started at 10:15am. Chairman Simcoe conducted the roll call.

II. Reading and Acceptance of the October 13, 2022

Draft meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Martin summarized the minutes. Bill Simcoe requested an edit to specify the water Purification District is considering engineering for a capital plan. He also requested a capitalization for Monument Square. Finally, an indication invoices would be accepted based on their acceptance by EFC for disbursement.

Action taken

Garry Nathan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Maggie Alix seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Report

Tom White summarized the financial report as of 11/1/22 and shared community balances. The corporation's balance as \$3m as of 11/1 but since, a large cash distribution was made to Albany. There were no questions on the report.

IV. 2023 Director's Evaluations

Martin requested the board evaluation for the ABO submittal with the end of year report.

V. Vendor invoices

The following vendor invoices were presented for approval:

Community	Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Date(s)	Associated Work	Invoice Total	Invoice Total After Grant
Corporation	CDRPC	7/1/22 – 9/30/22	11/1/22	C-1 Administration	\$27,024.15	\$9,809.29
City of Cohoes	Arcadis	34325931	10/14/22	SSS-10 Columbia St.	\$103,313.13	\$103,313.13
City of Cohoes	New Castle	Pay App #1	10/14/22	SSS-12 Middle Vliet St.	\$22,050.00	\$2,205.00
Albany Water Board	Keller	Pay App #16	9/6/22	STCF-03 Beaver Creek Clean River Facility	\$692,260.28	\$692,260.28
Albany Water Board	Keller	Pay App #17	10/7/22	STCF-03 Beaver Creek Clean River Facility	\$1,001,112.65	\$1,001,112.65
Total					\$1,845,760.21	\$1,808,700.35

Efforts are underway to ensure EFC cost summaries are up to date and invoices are disburseable. New Castle's invoice has 90% GIGP applied.

Action taken

Tom Dufresne made a motion to approve the invoices as presented and distribute them to the communities. Chris Wheland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. EFC Disbursements and Reconciliations

Work continues to make project disburseable with EFC and biweekly meetings have resumed. Martin is working to schedule a meeting with EFC.

Martin asked if Troy is planning to draw down on C-3, Engineering costs relating to general engineering assistance. Chris was concerned about MWBE compliance. Martin noted Albany is planning to draw down on any eligible funds anyway, so it may behoove Troy to keep it in. Chris will speak to their comptroller. There is grant associated with principle reduction, so it may be advantageous to utilize the grant for cashflow and reduce overall obligation to the program.

VII. Project Updates

Bill Simcoe reported the screens at the South Plant are wrapping, though some issues with the conveyor remain. Bypass pumping will be needed for a portion of time during the installation of the throttle gate upstream of the south plant. There was some discussion about the setup of the bypass pumping and protection of plant equipment such as the grit chambers.

Garry reported that Columbia will likely achieve substantial completion shortly, with all pipes installed. Some green infrastructure elements will be planted in the spring – elements that help shave peak flow volumes, roughly 5-10% of peak flow volumes – which help reduce the pipe size needed for the project.

New Castle is still behind their schedule, but it may prove fruitful in achieving more MWBE presence on the job. A waiver was submitted to EFC in March. Board members expressed what feels like confusion at the state level in MWBE application of values – for example, DEC may issue a waiver for grant work on a particular project, and EFC review is flagging the entire contract value for eligibility vs. remaining, non-grant funded work. In past MWBE plans, contract value covered by grant had always been backed out of eligible amounts from EFC.

Polk St has wrapped up, netting a 1m annual CSO volume reduction on an annual basis. Completion Certificates will be collected.

IX. Other Business

Martin summarized a memo to be sent to NYSDEC that details the development of the Discharge Notification System and the Pool Communities intent to shutter the site. Since the launch of the site DEC has promulgated the requirement for communities to use NYALERT. The Pool site needs an update to remain viewable across a spectrum of browsers, due to security updates that are needed. It also needs subscription based weather data to remain accurate. Finally the cost to update the site will be \$30,000-\$40,000. The site received fewer than 10 visits per month for the past year. Given it is duplicative, does not meet the terms of the Sewage Pollution Right To Know Act, does not get traffic, and needs roughly \$35,000 to remain secure, it makes little sense to invest in updates. The memo will also inform DEC the "sign up for alerts" link on the CSO page will be redirected to NYALERT.

X. Adjourn

Action Taken

Chris Wheland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garry Nathan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.



Next Meeting December 8, 2022