# Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

# December 3, 2013 Minutes

Board Members	<u>Others</u>
Mark Newton	Randy Alstadt, Administrator
Paul Herman	Scott Volkman, SRDD
Rich DuPilka	Keith Ballard, Town Water
John Tkazyik	Doreen Tignanelli, Customer
Todd Tancredi	Graham S. Jones, Customer
	Don Beer, Morris Associates

### 1. Approval of November 12, 2013 Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

# 2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli questioned if late fees are being tabulated. Randy Alstadt said that late fees are being paid to Central Hudson, Liberty Power and Duffy Layton. Fees have not been tabulated but they will be included in the 2013 Reconciliation.

# 3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt reviewed his written report. Randy stated that plant has run well although there have been multiple breakdown issue. Randy stated that Muffin Monster was recently repaired and put back into service. Todd Tancredi asked why it took so long. Randy stated that parts were required which had to be shipped from overseas. Todd questioned UV failures. Randy stated that we have had many issues with UV. Randy stated that when UV fails plant shuts down. These events do not give a warning: the plant shuts down to protect customers. After further investigation a loose connection was found at end of bulb that made contact until heated up then caused trip. Bulb was replaced and problem has not reoccurred.

Todd expressed concern that there have been excessive failures. Randy stated that preventive maintenance is being done and that we have had lots of vacations.

Rich DuPilka asked what time period plant was off for UV failures. Randy stated less than 2 hours.

#### 4. Update on Operating Budget Status

Randy Alstadt provided Board 2013 operating budget status. Randy projected that budget will not be exceeded.

Randy stated that he will need transfers to balance budget lines. Randy request \$2,500 be transferred from Water Equipment to Office Telephones, \$10,000 from

Contract Services Other to Contract Services Legal and \$8,500 from Repair Maintenance Building to Contract Services Accounting.

Randy stated that phone charges are higher than expected, Legal Services are up due to County/IBM contract negotiations and Accounting audit invoices are greater than expected. Board approved transfers with exception of Accounting. Randy was directed to identify why costs are so high.

## 5. Upgrade Status

Randy stated that design is on schedule.

# 6. IBM Negotiations

Randy stated that we are waiting on a response from IBM. Scott Volkman stated we have not heard IBM's response to County issues.

#### 7. Old Business

Randy Alstadt stated that letter was sent to Town of Fishkill Supervisor in response to his concerns on water quality.

#### 8. New Business

Randy Alstadt stated that he has scheduled his vacation for July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Randy stated this should not impact capital project.

Graham Jones who entered meeting after Public Participation asked if he could address the Board. Board approved.

Mr. Jones stated that he reviewed article by Frank Mora concerning the City Water Event. Mr. Jones stated that he did not understand why the lab was closed. He stated that he had discussed with Judge Mora and agrees that there is an advantage to have the lab for quick response.

Randy Alstadt responded that decision to close Lab was result of City's decision to contract their distribution monitoring to a private firm rather than use our Lab. As a result of this decision it was determined Lab would not be cost effective and decision was made to eliminate Lab Staffing.

Board set next meeting date to be held January 7, 2014, at 4:30 PM.