

**HUDSON RIVER-BLACK RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

Hudson River-Black River Regulating District  
**Northampton Town Hall  
412 South Main Street  
Northville, NY 12134**

July 23, 2019  
**10:00 am.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mark M. Finkle called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Board Chairman Mark M. Finkle; First Vice-Chair Jeffrey Rosenthal; Second Vice-Chair Kenneth DeWitt; Board Member Albert J. Hayes; Executive Director John C. Callaghan; General Counsel Robert P. Leslie; Chief Engineer Robert S. Foltan; Chief Fiscal Officer Richard J. Ferrara; Area Administrator John Hodgson and Compliance Officer Stephanie Ruzycky.

**MOTION TO ADOPT OR REVISE THE MEETING AGENDA**

Chairman Finkle asked for a motion to adopt or revise the meeting agenda. Mr. Rosenthal made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. DeWitt seconded. The Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Finkle opened the floor to public comment. One speaker lobbied the Board to extend back lot access permits to applicants holding property beyond one mile from the eligible property.

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Finkle asked for a motion to adopt the July 2, 2019 Board meeting minutes. Mr. Hayes advanced the motion to approve the regular and committee meeting minutes. Mr. DeWitt seconded and the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Callaghan presented his report. Mr. Callaghan noted that, with the help of Baker Public Relations, the Regulating District's Facebook and Instagram social media page views and engagements (likes, comments, etc.) has grown 250%. Mr. Callaghan forecast his attendance at

upcoming events sponsored by the Indian Lake Association (Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>) and the Great Sacandaga Lake Association (Aug 9<sup>th</sup>). He relayed to the Board a constituent letter praising staff for their treatment of an access permit issue. Finally, Mr. Callaghan praised the Board for their continued support of the Safe Lake Initiative in light of another boating incident on GSL.

## **CONTRACTS/ACTIONS**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Leslie presented his report. Mr. Leslie reported that the Jefferson County Supreme Court has dismissed the Regulating District from the personal injury lawsuit filed by Mr. Theodore Kolb, a Captain in the City of Watertown Fire Department who sustained injuries while he fought an arson fire on the evening of February 19, 2018.

Ms. Ruzycky presented her report to the Board. Ms. Ruzycky commented upon the increase of the MWBE threshold from \$200,000 to \$500,000. She also reported on her efforts to cull through more than two hundred resumes collected from applicants for two administrative assistant openings. Mr. Rosenthal clarified that Ms. Ruzycky was to ensure that the balance of Senior Staff was to have access to all of the resumes submitted.

Mr. Ferrara presented his report to the Board. He noted that at the close of fiscal June 30, 2019, the general fund balances for the HRA and BRA closed at \$3,504,589 and \$2,136,630 respectively. He noted that District's transactional processing and reporting are current. District bank reconciliations are complete through May 31, 2019. He noted that the independent auditors are scheduled to arrive on Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Foltan presented the Chief Engineer's report to the Board. Mr. Foltan noted that the June average daily release from the Sacandaga Reservoir (Great Sacandaga Lake) was approximately 3,390 cubic feet per second (cfs). Precipitation during the month of June was above normal across the Great Sacandaga Lake and Indian Lake watersheds. The monthly inflow to Great Sacandaga Lake and Indian Lake reservoir was approximately 188% and 142% of historic average, respectively. Monthly release of water from Great Sacandaga Lake and Indian Lake measured 163% and 168% of historic average, respectively. Mr. Foltan noted that, based on historic averages, through June 30<sup>th</sup> Great Sacandaga Lake captured over 94% of its annual inflow in just six months.

The June average daily release from Stillwater Reservoir was approximately 860 cfs. Monthly total precipitation measured 150%, 147%, and 170% of historic average at Stillwater, Old Forge, and Sixth Lake, respectively, as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation in the month of June was above average at Stillwater, Old Forge and Sixth Lake. The monthly inflow to Stillwater Reservoir was approximately 171% of historic average. The inflow to Sixth Lake and Old Forge Reservoir totaled 0.15 and 0.43 billion cubic feet, respectively, in June. Release of water from Stillwater Reservoir averaged 204% of historic discharge.

Mr. Hodgson presented the Administrator's report. Mr. Hodgson noted that the roof at the Sacandaga Field Office has been completed and that Matt Ginter, the Plant Operator, has started work.

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING DATE AND TIME OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Chairman Finkle asked for a motion to adopt a Resolution setting the next meeting of the Board of the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District. In light of the impending 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Black River Area, Mr. Finkle noted that staff have suggested a potential change in venue. He call for a Motion to set the time and date of the meeting for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM with a location to be determined later.

Mr. Hayes moved to adopt the Resolution setting the date and time of the next meeting. Mr. DeWitt seconded and the Board adopted the Resolution by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Finkle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rosenthal advanced the motion. Mr. DeWitt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**19-35-08 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING DATE AND TIME OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Mr. Hayes moved to adopt the Resolution setting the date and time of the next meeting. Mr. DeWitt seconded and the Board adopted the Resolution by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Ferrara,  
Secretary/Treasurer

Mark M. Finkle  
Board Chairman