



MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Niagara Falls Water Board September 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Notes: Pursuant to public notice, this meeting was conducted at 1201 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York. The meeting could be attended in-person or via conference call pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, as modified by Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 and pursuant to the continuation of the State Disaster Emergency Pursuant to Governor Hochul's Executive Order No. 11.

1. Preliminary Matters

Chairman Forster called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

a. Attendance:

Asklar (Board Member/Chairman of Finance/Member Exec. Staff Review Cmte.) *Present*

Forster (Chairman) *Present*

Kimble (Board Member) *Present via Conference Call*

Larkin (Board Member/Vice Chairwoman/Governance Chairwoman/
Chairwoman Exec. Staff Review Cmte.) *Present via Conference Call at 5:04 p.m.*

Leffler (Board Member/Member Exec. Staff Review Cmte.) *Present via Conference Call*

2. Resolutions

2022-09-001 – SEQRA LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR BEECH AVENUE WATER TANK IMPROVEMENTS

- a. EAF Long Form Part 1
- b. EAF Long Form Part 2
- c. EAF Long Form Part 3
- d. 2022-08-29 – NFTA Lead Agency Consent
- e. 2022-08-04 – City of Niagara Falls SEQR Response

Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Kimble to approve

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __A__ Leffler __Y__

Motion carried, 4-0.

2022-09-002 – AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF MAIN PUMP VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE

- a. Rexel Main Pump Number 4 VFD Remanufacture Quote
- b. 2022-08-30 – Rexel Sole Source Letter for Main Pump VFD

Motion by Board Member Kimble and seconded by Board Member Asklar to approve

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __A__ Leffler __Abstain__

Motion carried, 3-0-1. Board Member Leffler noted she was abstaining from this resolution as her son is employed by Rexel.

2022-09-003 – WTP CHLORINE GAS FEED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- a. De Nora Preventative Maintenance Quote

Board Member Asklar inquired as to the frequency of this preventative maintenance. Mr. Costello explained his understanding that this is not maintenance performed at a particular interval but as needed, and the large item is replacement of chlorinators which are original to the plant and are being replaced to maintain reliable function.

Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Kimble to approve

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __Y__ Leffler __Y__

Motion carried, 5-0.

**2022-09-004 – REVISED CHANGE ORDER FOR WWTP PROJECT 11,
CONCRETE INTERFERENCE**

- a. Revised Change Order Summary
- b. Revised J.W. Danforth Change Order Proposal
- c. Revised J.M. Davidson Change Order Proposal

The Board discussed the change order, including the background on why the work was required and the consequence of not doing the work called for in the change order. Ted Donner from CPL explained the rationale for not tying into the old piping and answered questions regarding temporary bypass requirements, the overall cost of the project versus the projected budget. Board Member Asklar noted he would like to spend some more time getting his head around the change order and to walk the project site to get a better understanding.

Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Leffler to table

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __Y__ Leffler __Y__

Motion to table carried, 5-0.

The following resolutions currently are anticipated for the September 26, 2022 business meeting:

- i. *Upgrade WWTP Laboratory Information Management System to Sample Master Cloud-Hosted Software as a Service*
- ii. *Change Order for WWTP Project 3 – Screenings and Grit Transport Equipment Improvements, Polymer Equipment Upgrades, and Dewatering Equipment Control Upgrades*
- iii. *Procurement of Filters for WWTP Carbon Bed Air Handling Units*
- iv. *Revised Proposal for Gorge Pumping Station High-Voltage Electrical Preventative Maintenance*
- v. *Agreement for BHC Compliance Professional Engineering and Scientific Consulting Services*
- vi. *Memorandum of Understanding with City of Niagara Falls Regarding Police Department Substation at Water Treatment Plant*

3. **Executive Session: Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of considering matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of particular persons (Public Officers Law § 105(f)).**

Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Larkin to enter into executive session for the purpose of considering matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of particular persons at 5:28 p.m.

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __Y__ Leffler __Y__

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Board Member Larkin and seconded by Board Member Leffler to exit executive session at 6:07 p.m.

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __Y__ Leffler __Y__

Motion carried, 5-0.

4. September 6, 2022 Personnel Actions Sheet

Motion by Board Member Larkin and seconded by Board Member Kimble to approve the September 6, 2022 Personnel Actions Sheet in its entirety.

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __Y__ Leffler __Y__

Motion carried, 5-0.

The Board then discussed the work session scheduled for September 19, 2022 and determined to cancel it; Mr. Costello to post appropriate notice.

5. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Kimble to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Asklar __Y__ Forster __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Larkin __Y__ Leffler __Y__

Motion carried, 5-0.