

**ORANGE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
124 Main Street, Goshen, NY and Live Streamed on Zoom.us**

**Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023**

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- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM  
Roll call completed – 6/7 Quorum

Board Members Present:            Dominic Cordisco  
   Erik Denega  
   Peter Tuohy  
   Louis Ingrassia  
   Steve Gagnon  
   Wayne Vradenburgh

Staff Present:                            Alan Sorensen, Executive Director  
   Eenika Cruz, Administrator

Others Present:                        Joseph Mahoney, County Attorney  
   Kyle Sanduski, OCLT  
   Jim Delaune, OCLT

**II. Consent Calendar**

- a. **May 9, 2023 Minutes** – The board requested all meeting attendees be included in the minutes moving forward. Erik Denega made a motion to approve the May Board Meeting Minutes. Wayne Vradenburgh seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **June 2023 Demands List** – Louis Ingrassia made a motion to approve the June Demands List. Wayne Vradenburgh seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Year-to-Date Budget** – Year to date budget was reviewed.

**III. Executive Director's Report**

- a. **Newburgh WQIP Update** – The OCLT has made some progress with the project and had a positive with a representative of the convent property. Their property is sloped and has direct influence on the water. They have been in contact with their attorney and plan to have a more formal meeting soon. OSI provided an update on another parcel they have been working toward acquiring on the Authority's behalf. The property has been put up for sale, but our initial appraisal came in way below what they are asking for the property. OSI requested the appraiser take another look at it and did value the parcels a little higher, but there is still a large gap. OSI and OCWA cannot pay more than fair market value. A few other options will be researched and updated provided at the next board meeting. Due to the confidential nature of the remaining discussion, Erik made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Wayne Vradenburgh. Hearing no objections, the board went into executive session at 1:25 PM. Erik made a motion to come out of executive session. Wayne Vradenburgh seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the board came out of executive session at 1:30 PM. No action or further discussion was made.
- b. **DWSP2 Program Update** – OCWA hosted an info session for the NYS DEC's DWSP2 Program at SUNY Newburgh to help facilitate and encourage municipalities to develop source water protection plans. The event was well attended and attendees were engaged. The board discussed various issues

impacting municipalities throughout the County, including the City of Newburgh's water sources that are outside its administrative boundaries. It would be crucial to include the Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor in the planning process. Several municipalities use aqueduct water but are required to have a back up emergency supply. The board also discussed contamination in water resources such as PFOS, bacteria, carcinogens and so on.

- c. **Greens At Chester Water Transportation Corporation** – Some paperwork was received but it was only for phase 1 of the project. The board requested documentation for the entire project that would be served by the proposed water transportation corporation such as engineering plans, maps and so on.
- d. **Leak Detection project Update** – Upstate Leak Detection has begun surveying municipalities. An update on his progress will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **IV. 2024 Draft Budget**

A draft budget for 2024 was presented to the board. Majority of the budget is status quo except for a bump in the education program funding to accommodate additional educators after MaryLynne Malone's retirement in the fall.

#### **V. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **VI. Executive Session – New Conservation Educator Candidates Discussion**

Wayne Vradenburgh made a motion to go into executive session to discuss education program candidates for possible employment. Peter Tuohy seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the board went into executive session at 2:04 PM. Peter Tuohy made a motion to come out of executive session. Louis Ingrassia seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the board came out of executive session at 2:15 PM. Peter Tuohy made a motion to hire all 3 provisional contract educators (Michaela Himelfarb, Makayla Stepp-Davis and Ashley Hickey) as per the recommendations presented. Louis Ingrassia seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. Next Board Meeting**

The next OCWA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 1:00 PM at 124 Main Street in Goshen.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Peter Tuohy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erik Denega seconded the motion. Hearing no comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM.