

ALBANY WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
April 9, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Albany Water Board was officially convened at 9:02am. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo on March 12, 2020, and advisories issued by Federal, State, and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus, the Albany Water Board convened its meeting by video conference call.

The meeting notice provided information to the public on how to participate. No members of the public participated and no inquiries were received from the public prior to the meeting.

PRESENT: Charles Houghton, Chairperson; Karen Strong, Secretary; Rachel Johnson, Vice Chairperson

Excused: Anthony Owens, Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph E. Coffey, Jr., P.E., Commissioner; Thomas Dufresne, CFO; William Simcoe, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, Lisa Middleton, Confidential Assistant

BOARD ADVISORS PRESENT: TJ Ruane, Whiteman Osterman Hanna, Mike Miller, CHA Advisor; Chris Einstein, CHA Advisor

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

New Business

The Board discussed an EAF prepared by CHA and Whiteman Osterman & Hanna that addresses a proposed modification to the Beaver Creek Clean River Project (BCCRP) earlier EAF for directing excavated material to the "Bowl" in lower Lincoln Park to improve the playing fields as outlined in the Lincoln Park Master Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-29 - TO AMEND NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR BEAVER CREEK CLEAN RIVER PROJECT

- a. The Water Board is continuing as Lead Agency under SEQRA, hereby adopts Parts 2 and 3 of the SEQRA EAF for the Proposed Modifications, and authorizes the Chairman, and/or authorized officer, to execute same.
- b. The Water Board finds and determines, having given due consideration to the completed FEAF for the Proposed Modifications, and entire record of proceedings, including the February 22, 2019 Negative Declaration for the BCCRP, that the Proposed Modifications, even when considered with the overall BCCRP, will not have a potential significant adverse environmental impact on the environment and an environmental impact statement is not required.
- c. The February 22, 2019 Negative Declaration is hereby amended accordingly to address the Proposed Modifications.

- d. The Water Board directs that this Amended Negative Declaration be filed, distributed and published as required by the SEQRA regulations, Section 6 NYCRR 617.12.

Mr. Houghton called for a motion to approve, offered by Ms. Strong, seconded Mr. Johnson and passed unanimously.

Deputy Commissioner updated the Board on Phase 4 of the BCCRP and the need to provide a Notice of Intent to award contract to Rifenburg Construction pending receipt of additional funding. The Board agreed to permit staff to provide the letter to the contractor advising the Notice of Intent to Award.

Being no further business, Mr. Houghton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Next regular meeting of the Water Board is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:00am. Note Audit Meeting will be at 8:30 am and Finance Committee Meeting will be at 8:00am.

Approved by:  _____

(Assistant) Secretary