

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2006 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Callanan; Supervisors Connors, Daly, A. Johnson, Thompson, Wood, Gutheil, Keyrouze, Barrett, and Yepsen; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Mark Rider, County Attorney, Ed Volpelak, C.T. Male; Dan Lowenstein, Malcolm Pirnie; Thomas McTygue, William McTygue, DPW, Saratoga Springs; Mark Lajeunesse, Mark Richardson, IBEW; Edward Dweck, SLPID; Maureen Deane, Wilma Koss, SLA; Jon Dawes, SEDC; Andrea DiDomenico, Assistant Co. Attorney; Patti Southworth, Patrick Southworth, Alan Colyer, Merrill McColl, David Stern, Ballston Residents; Dan Tagliento, Wilton Resident; Charlie Morrison, Dave Bronner, George Putman, Saratoga Springs Residents; Cliff Ammon, LWV of Saratoga Co., Mike Lyons, Ironworkers; Sean Kiera Philip Dobie, IUDE Local 106; Press.

Chairman Callanan called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Chairman Callanan announced the appointment of Mr. Johnson as Vice Chair. Mr. Johnson accepted.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Connors the minutes of the December 12, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Lowenstein distributed handouts with regard to the February Water Treatment and Transmission Facilities Design Progress Report and gave a brief overview as follows:

Since the last meeting the pilot test report has been completed and submitted to the New York State Department of Health. This is the document that has been used to validate the performance of the membranes on the actual Hudson River water.

The Raw Water Pump Station and Water Treatment Plant has been completed to a level of 60% progressing to 90% design. The coordination is really the internal coordination between the many different engineers and scientists working on the job. An internal review has been conducted for the project, including a constructability and operability review to determine how costly it will be to build.

The cost estimate has currently been updated to \$76 million for the entire project.

Mr. Volpelak said the pipeline and profiles are approaching 90% complete. Comments are being addressed that were received from NationalGrid, State Farm both in Moreau and Saratoga, DOT, and the Sewer District.

Work continues on the water storage tank, which is approximately 90% complete. An updated easement list has been prepared based on the current alignment. Cost estimates are being updated in conjunction with working with Malcolm Pirnie doing the transient analysis of the pipeline, and work has begun on the specifications for the pipeline.

Mr. Lowenstein said a preliminary Draft (EIS) was distributed to the committee for their review. The Environmental Information Document is being prepared and will soon be

submitted to the EPA. This is required in order to receive funding from the Federal Government, he said.

Work will continue on the design of the raw water pump station and treatment plant. An early coordination review will take place in early March on the 90% complete design. Sometime in mid March the 90% design will be submitted to the Department of Health for review, he said.

Mr. Callanan requested a resolution to authorize the FAB water agreement. This is the agreement with the State that allows the county to access the \$10 million grant that Senator Bruno has pledged.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a resolution authorizing the FAB Water Agreement to access a \$10 million grant from Senator Bruno. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr said in order to accept the \$10 million in grant money from Senator Bruno the Environmental Facilities Corporation requires the county to enter into an agreement by a Board resolution.

Mr. Callanan requested an extension of time before approving the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, in order to give supervisors time to review the document and submit their comments.

The next Water Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Daly commented that the current draft puts too much emphasis on the Luther Forest Technology Campus, when the main purpose is really for Saratoga County municipalities.

It is an issue of public safety and public health, she said.

On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Johnson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom