I. Call to Order and Roll Call - Having a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 12:07pm.
   Roll call completed

   Board Members Present: Marcia Jacobowitz
                          Daniel Patenaude
                          Robert Marchione

   Members Excused: Jonah Mandelbaum and Michael Worden

   Others Present: Michael Principe, HDR
                   Orysia Dmytrenko, Assistant to the County Executive
                   Dick McGoey, McGoey, Hauser & Edsall

   Staff Present: Eenika Cruz, Administrator
                  David Church, Executive Director
                  Ed Helbig, Consultant
                  Sarah Archbald, Educator
                  MaryLynne Malone, Educator

II. Consent Calendar

   a. September 22, 2010 Board Minutes - A motion was made by Dan Patenaude to approve the Minutes from the September 22, 2010 Board meeting. The Motion was seconded by Marcia Jacobowitz. Hearing no comments the motion was approved unanimously.

   b. October 2010 Demands List – A motion was made by Dan Patenaude to approve the Demands List for October 2010. The Motion was seconded by Robert Marchione. Hearing no comments the motion was approved unanimously.

   c. Statement of Account Recap – no comments

   d. Year-to-Date Budget – Dan noted the Training line reached the max and should the Board do a budget adjustment. Dave said this line included expenses for conferences, training courses and so on. Eenika noted she would look through what’s been charged to that line and see if something could be expensed elsewhere first. Robert asked if the year to date figures included this month’s Demands. Eenika noted it included all expenses until the day before the next Board meeting.

   Adjusted Agenda – discussed Education Program early since Sarah needed to leave the meeting early. Ed introduced each educator (Sarah & MaryLynne). The Education Program was piloted in 1993-1994 which was successful so the program officially began in 1994. Ed have a background of each educator, specifically MaryLynne and her current status of President of the NYS Outdoor Education Association and how she ran he national conference and is organizing the next State conference which will be held in Ellenville in October 2011. MaryLynne highlighted which schools she and Sarah have visited. She also noted she and Sarah were booked until the end of 2010 and that she was already booked through April 2011. Educators visit schools for 5 days, each class 45 minutes to 1 hour per day depending on the school. The do an intro to the water cycle, then a water journey which includes lessons about where water can be found. Children are often surprised to learn water is even in computers since it’s used during manufacturing of them. Other lessons include ways to conserve water while saving money, such as not running the water while you brush your teeth. MaryLynne gave one example when they tallied up how much money the class could save while implementing this technique. They assumed at 1 cent per brush saved for all the students for the year could save $1000 for all the students in the classroom combined. Children are also asked to go home and count how many low-flow fixtures they have in their home to help carry the message of water conservation home. Children also play a jeopardy like
game which tests and reinforces what they learned during the educator's visit. Finally, children also get to make bracelets with beads. Each bead has a different meaning to further enforces water conservation techniques. Ed said they've been working to get into Minisink, Pine Bush and Port Jervis that have not recently or even been visited by the educators. MaryLynne said part of the problem may be because they book on a first come first serve basis and sometimes these schools are slow to reach out and educators may be booked already. Ed and Sarah explained further how they have been trying to get into these schools which included multiple emails, phone calls, personal visits and mailing information. MaryLynne noted that some schools don't book with us because they already have OC Soil & Water visiting and don't realize our program is different and complimentary. This program is bases on the EPA's Project Wet's curriculum. MaryLynne mentioned that they are trying to create an Environmental Literacy Program and if it happens, there could be Federal funding for this and schools will be seeking our program so they did not have to spend their budget to create an internal program.

III. Executive Director's Report

a. 2011 Budget Update – Dave said they went to the Physical Services Committee meeting and they left the budget with the proposed adjustments from the County Executive; no other changes were made. Dave gave an overview of some of the changes he proposed. Marcia wanted it known that she would like an evaluation of the $5 million the County Executive proposed to take back from the dedicated Water Fund. We need to look into how this money came into the fund and what it can be used for. Marcia also noted we have been having a hard time getting information from the County. They've asked in the past how the money got into the fund, where did it come from and what it can be used for but haven't received any answers. Marcia said the Water Authority has been entrusted to us for water and if the money is going to be taken it should be by the Legislature. Dan asked if the Law Dept said it was allowable. Dave said from what he's heard, they did say it was but we've received no evidence of this. The Board discussed what the money was used for in the beginning and Dave explained it was all related to the Water Loop such as engineering costs and so on. The $1.5 Million was taken out for open space preservation around well fields and other semi-water related land preservation. Marcia said the Board should not support this proposal until they get this information to ensure they are meeting their fiduciary responsibility to the residents of Orange County. The Legislature is expected to have comments on the Budget by November 15th and may vote on the final agreed upon budget on December 15th. The Board must have answers if they are going to support this proposition so they are comfortable with it. Dan said he would like to have a letter from the County Attorney saying the removal of these funds and put into the general fund to balance the budget is legal. Eenika noted the County likely already researched this and the information should be available somewhere. Marcia noted Dan Depew at the Physical Services Committee meeting was concerned about this as well. Dave said he would contact Antoinette Reed to get a copy of the Resolution creating the fund and will send it to the group.

b. OC Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update – Dave said they need to polish the final report and repost it. No other updates to report.

IV. Project Updates

a. Decentralized Wastewater Demonstration Project Updated – Dave said the rebid of the project had much more interest. We had 13 plan holders this time around which was almost double from the original bid. Bids are due Monday, November 1.

b. Leak Detection Project – Eenika noted Prowler said they were busy finding leaks. They are positioned to finish surveys soon so municipalities have enough time to fix any leaks before winter.

c. Mid County Area Study – HDR requested quotes from drillers to more quality and quantity research at the Dwaarkill and Indigot properties to allow them to develop costing for the project. This information is needed because they need to know how much water there is and how it would need to be treated to get an accurate cost. This study should cost about $50,000-$60,000. They are assuming combined wells will produce about 600 million galls per day (mgd). Middletown just finished a Safe Yield Analysis and HDR has the draft report. Mike P. highlighted some other possible projects they can start early on. He also noted that Crawford is still very interested and that they have issues with their current well fields.
d. **Moodna Watershed Implementation Project** – The next Moodna Council meeting will be on a Friday before Thanksgiving. The Army Corps of Engineers will do a presentation at this meeting about a recent study they did. The council did not appoint a Chair, which is expected to be the focus of the next meeting as well.

e. **Northeast Orange County Water Feasibility Study** – Dan noted this was a very exciting report and noted his only concern was how to make this happen. The Board discussed who would be the appropriate facilitator for the proposed grant. Dave said the OCWA was positioned to apply for the grant, which the OCWA already allocated funding for in the 2011 Budget. Each municipality and this Board will need to pass a resolution agreeing to be partners on the project. The OCWA agreed they would like to hold off passing the resolution until the November meeting. Mike P. noted New Windsor and Newburgh were already on Board. Next steps include finalizing this report next month then applying for the Grant to do a Phase 2 part of this project. A lot more information needs to be learned, such as should a joint water works be set up, design of a facility up to 30% approximately. Mike P. said if all goes well, this facility could be up and running in 5 years. There are a lot of advantages to the creation of a joint water works; all involved would benefit. The Board agreed they would like to meet with the municipalities involved in 2-3 weeks. Mike P. said he needs to have comments on the draft report so it may be finalized by the end of November. Dan agreed there are economical benefits to the City of Newburgh; they have water but need money and could sell their water and create a revenue source for the City. Mike P. said they will need to do a safe yield analysis of Washington Lake. If they eliminated their plant, the would have less operating costs. Maybe they would only have to maintain the transmission lines. New Windsor offered to host the meeting, but Marcia said if this becomes an issue, we should hold it here in Goshen.

f. **Stream Water Quality Monitoring Project** – no new information to report.

g. **Water Conservation Education Program** – already discussed earlier during the meeting.

h. **Glenmere Study** – Dave said we have received 10 replies to the Request for Qualifications to study the Glenmere Lake Watershed. Over the next month, we’ll review these submissions and make a recommendation to the Board at the November meeting.

i. **Stream Gages** – Dave noted Kelly was not able to attend the meeting (out sick). More information would be provided to the Board soon. Dave noted 7 of the 8 gages would be placed on County owned bridges and would be working with DPW.

V. **Next Board Meeting**

The next OCWA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 at 12:00PM at 124 Main Street, Goshen, NY.

VI. **Comments from Board, Staff and Public**

VII. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Patenaude. The Motion was seconded by Marcia Jacobowitz. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM by unanimous vote.