I. Call to Order and Roll Call - Having a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM. Roll call completed

Board Members Present: Marcia Jacobowitz
Marc Devitt
Joseph Minuta
Michael Worden
Thomas Fitzgerald
Member(s) Excused: Arthur Tully and Jonah Mandelbaum

Others Present: Pete Hammond, OC DPW
Dick McGoey, MH&E
Mike Weeks, MH&E

Staff Present: David Church, Executive Director
Eenika Cruz, Administrator
Kelly Dobbins, Planning
Ed Helbig, Education Coordinator

II. Consent Calendar

a. Minutes – A motion was made by Marc Devitt to approve the Minutes from the April 9, 2013 Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Thomas Fitzgerald. Hearing no comments the motion passed unanimously.

b. Demands List – A motion was made by Joseph Minuta to approve the Demands List for June 2013. The motion was seconded by Marc Devitt. Hearing no comments the motion passed unanimously.

c. Statement of Account Recap – no comments

d. Year-to-Date Budget – no comments

III. Executive Director’s Report

a. Earth & Water Festival – Marcia thanked Eenika and Ed for putting together the Earth & Water Festival. It was a great day and has a lot to offer the community. There were about 70 vendors offering everything from renewable energy resources to environmental education vendors like OC Soil and Water Conservation District, toilet math and so much more. We had less attendance this year partly because there was a lot going on that day around the County and a light rain toward the end of the day. Staff agreed it may be better to move the day of the festival back to the first Saturday in June to avoid college graduations and so on.

b. IBM Workshop – Marcia also thanked Dave for putting together the IBM Workshop. People from all over the region came and it was very informative.

c. Municipal Grant Program – Dave gave an overview of past municipal grant programs which are typically offered every three years. The Village of Warwick asked for an extension of their previously approved grant request to perform a safe yield analysis of their water supply system, but were unable to do the project until now. The Board agreed to fund the Village of Warwick up to their original request of $32,500, which is 50% of their project cost. If the Village would like to seek additional funding, the Board said they should reapply for the new round of grants in 2013. The Board also discussed the need for leak detection work and would also like to offer this service the municipalities. A RFP will be drafted and released seeking a contractor to do this work for a set rate. If the municipalities would like to hire their own contractor, they are free to do so and may be reimbursed up to the set rate per mile if approved. Application will be subject to approval by the Board and may not exceed its 2013 Budget which will be set upon receipt of such applications because it depends on how many applications and amounts we may receive. Mike Worden made a motion to put out an RFP for leak detection work and request applications from municipalities to do leak detection and a safe yield analysis of their water supply system. The motion was seconded by Marcia Jacobowitz. Hearing no comments, the motion passed unanimously.
d. **Online Design Guide and Workshops** – Dave said we are waiting on responses of two grant applications. He hopes to hear something tomorrow at the Greenway conference tomorrow for one of the grants. The second grant, applied for by OCWA, to the NEIWPCC (essentially the NYS DEC), if awarded will add a chapter the Design Guide on water supply.

e. **Draft 2014 Budget** – The first draft of the 2014 budget was presented to the board. Dave explained the budget process briefly and noted we have time to amend it as needed. Eenika noted the top line of the Budget titled “County Water Fund” is the amount we are seeking from the County’s designated water fund. This line increased by 12% because it includes matching funds for many of the new grant budget lines. Dave noted the accountant requested a modest increase in her monthly fee which is reasonable because she has not received a raise in the past 7 years. The board noted to remove the percentage sums because they do not make sense. No other changes were requested. Marcia mentioned to the Board that a third withdraw from the County Water Fund was made unbeknownst to her and never resolved with the Legislature. She believes it was stuck into the general County budget and approved that way. The Board needs to have a conversation about where the Authority is heading. In two to three years, that money may be gone (just over $2 million left) and the Authority needs to have a goal, a mission and a way to fund it. We need to find a way to generate revenue. The Dwaarkill/Pine Bush project may be the first project to do this. Dave explained the origination of the County Water Fund and its purpose. **Mike Worden made a motion to approve and submit the draft 2014 budget without the percentage sums. Thomas Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Hearing no comments the motion passed unanimously.**

V. **Project Updates**

a. **Stream Biomonitoring** – Kelly announced the date of the next Stream Biomonitoring Workshop which will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2012 at Kaplan Hall at SUNY Orange in Newburgh. Their will be two duplicate sessions at 3:30 am 6:30 PM. These are free and open to the public. Participants include the OCWA, Planning Department, NYS DEC (if Emily Vail’s participation is approved), Dr. Zurovchak of SUNY Orange and their work in the Monhagen Watershed, and Kelly Nolan of Watershed Assessment Associates. The workshop will also feature findings of the 2012 sampling work that OCWA and the Quassaick Creek Watershed Group did though grant the Planning Dept has. They will also discuss result of stream sampling downstream from KJ that showed extreme levels of chlorides. The issue is there is no legal threshold, only parameters set a 800 μmhos, but the stream showed 6000μmhos just after the treatment plant and 4000μmhos downstream. Monhagen is another problem spot. Ed noted the EPA investigated and will let us know what will happen soon. He noted it is a clear violation to the Clean Water Act and needs to be fixed. Pete noted the County is working on permit renewals with the Poultry plant which they do every 5 years. He noted they have expanded their plant without EPA approval and are dumping about 8 tons of chlorides into the plant each day. The County will seek EPA and DEC chloride limits which will be included in the new permit. It was also noted the letter OCWA sent out to every municipality received no responses.

b. **Northeast OC Water Supply Project** – Pete said a meeting with the County Executive, NYC DEP, OCWA and the three municipalities was held last month. A lot of progress has been made and NYC DEP conceptually agreed to fund up to $6.1 million now instead of the original $4.7 million we were asking for. The NYC DEP has requested additional work to be included in the facility planning process and not do the 30% design since there are some key elements that need to be flushed out still. The DEP project is about a year behind schedule, but that is to be expected. Dick noted the Route 32 / Lake Street interconnection that is now not included in the project is very important to New Windsor. They proposed to have another technical meeting to see where the project cost and/or scope may be altered to reduce the cost. This interconnection is expected to be funded by the $2 million set aside by Governor Patterson to the Port Authority to help the Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor build a treatment plant. It is believed this funding is still available and the NEOC Group will work together to obtain this money for New Windsor. Marcia requested Dave to write a letter to the Governor in support of the project and Port Authority’s funding.

VI. **Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting schedule for Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 9:15 AM at 124 Main Street in Goshen, NY.

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

No comments were made

VIII. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Worden. The Motion was seconded by Thomas Fitzgerald. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM by unanimous vote.