

**HUDSON RIVER-BLACK RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 12, 2012
Inlet Town Office
160 Rt 28
Inlet, NY 13360

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Stover called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Chairman Thomas Stover; Committee Member Mark Finkle; and Board Chairman as Ex Officio Committee Member David W. Berkstresser; Executive Director Michael A. Clark; General Counsel Robert P. Leslie; Chief Engineer Robert S. Foltan; Chief Fiscal Officer Richard J. Ferrara; Hudson River Area Administrator John Hodgson; Black River Area Administrator Carol L. Wright; and other Regulating District staff.

Excused: Michael F. Astafan

MOTION TO ADOPT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Finkle to adopt the meeting agenda. Mr. Stover seconded it and the motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2012 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Finkle to adopt the May 8, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Stover seconded it and the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

(A) Old Business –

- a. Discussion of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 Draft Budget.
Mr. Stover asked Mr. Ferrara to outline the changes, if any, to the proposed budget resulting from circumstances arising since the Committee's previous work session on the budget. Mr. Ferrara noted that there are no material changes to the proposed budget to report. Mr. Ferrara provided a brief overview of the budget proposal. He noted that pursuant to the District's enabling legislation 15-2125, the Board is responsible for estimating an amount sufficient to pay the expense of maintenance and operation of the Regulating District and when determined, be fixed for a period of three (3) years. Section 5 of Article 10 of the New York State Constitution, Article 9 of the Public Authorities Law and Section 8 (14) of the State Finance Law, the State Comptroller adopted Regulation 2 NYCCR Part 203, "Budget and Financial Plan Format, Supporting Documentation and Monitoring – Public

Authorities” requires a fourth year proposed financial plan. Mr. Ferrara noted that pursuant to the Budget Development Schedule approved by the Board in December 2008, the Adoption of the 3 Year Budget is planned for the June 12, 2012 meeting. Mr. Ferrara recommended that the Committee advance the proposed budget for July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015 and fourth year proposed financial plan to the full Board for their review and adoption by resolution. Mr. Clark concurred in Mr. Ferrara’s recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Finkle to advance to the full board & recommend adoption of the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 Budget. Mr. Stover seconded it and the motion was unanimously approved.

(B) New Business –

a. The Committee Chair tabled further discussion of the Hudson River Area Apportionment.

b. Motion to advance to the full board & recommend adoption of the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 Black River Area Assessment.

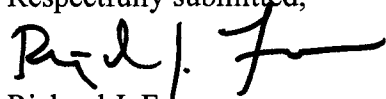
Mr. Stover asked Mr. Ferrara to lead the Board’s discussion pertaining to the Black River Area Assessment. Mr. Ferrara noted that the \$1,170,935.00 assessment reflects a significant increase over the prior year’s assessment due to the lack of reserves which would have enabled the Regulating District to mitigate such increase. Mr. Ferrara noted that subsequent year assessments will likely be lower reflecting the receipt of past due revenues that will replenish the Black River Area’s reserves.

A motion was made by Mr. Finkle to advance to the full board & recommend adoption of the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 Black River Area Assessment. Mr. Stover seconded it and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Mr. Finkle moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stover seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved. The committee meeting adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard J. Ferrara
Secretary/Treasurer