

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

June 12, 2012

Inlet Town Office

160 Rt 28

Inlet, NY 13360

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Finkle called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Chairman Mark Finkle; Committee Members Thomas Stover and Albert Hayes; 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.

MOTION TO ADOPT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- (A) **New Business** – Motion to Advance to the Full Board & Recommend Approval of Amendment to Audit Services Agreement

Mr. Finkle asked Mr. Ferrara to lead the Committee's discussion with regard to the need to amend the Audit Services agreement the Board currently has with the Bonadio Group. Mr. Ferrara explained that pursuant to the Public Authority Law 2802, the District must submit to the governor, chairman and ranking minority member of the senate finance committee, chairman and ranking minority member of the assembly ways and means committee and the state comptroller, within thirty days after receipt thereof by such authority, a copy of the annual independent audit report, performed by a certified public accounting firm in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, and management letter and any other external examination of the books and accounts of such authority other than copies of the reports of any examinations made by the state comptroller. The District's current agreement with The Bonadio Group has expired, and given the discretionary nature of this service offering, which does not exceed \$50K, Mr. Ferrara recommended that a full solicitation would not necessarily add any additional value. Mr. Ferrara recommended that given the excellent service provided by the Bonadio audit team during the June 30, 2008 through June 30, 2011 audits and their willingness to provide advice and recommendations concerning what may have been considered out of scope items, that the Committee advance the contract amendment for Audit

Services as detailed in the Resolution before them to the full Board for their review and approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to advance the “Resolution to Amend Audit Services Agreement with the Bonadio Group & to Exercise Option to Perform Audit Services for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012” to the Full Board for its review and adoption. Mr. Stover seconded it and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Audit Committee, Mr. Hayes moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stover seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved. The committee meeting adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Ferrara
Secretary/Treasurer