

26-02-03

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF OTT HYDROMET CLOUD SERVICES WEB-BASED ELEVATION DATA HOSTING FOR INDIAN LAKE OLD FORGE AND SIXTH LAKE RESERVOIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Regulating District uses the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to collect reservoir elevation data from each of its five reservoirs and to publish the data on a publicly accessible website; and

**WHEREAS**, elevation data is traditionally sourced through a combination of USGS-owned and Regulating District-owned hardware and equipment with all hardware and electronic recording equipment used to collect and store elevation data at our Indian Lake, Old Forge, and Sixth Lake Reservoir sites owned and maintained by the Regulating District; and

**WHEREAS**, the USGS remotely accesses the equipment at these three sites, downloads and processes the elevation data, and publishes the elevation data, in both tabular and graphical forms, on dedicated webpages hosted by the USGS; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2025 the USGS notified the Regulating District of its intent to modify the method it uses to download data from Indian Lake, Old Forge, and Sixth Lake Reservoir; noting that the planned change in method of data download means the Regulating District would incur a significant capital improvement expense if it were to continue using USGS to publish reservoir elevation data for these three sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the required equipment upgrade and additional capital cost to continue downloading and publishing elevation data by the USGS, for these three sites, would exceed \$50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2025 the Regulating District discontinued its use of USGS for website publishing of reservoir elevation data collected at the Indian Lake, Old Forge, and Sixth Lake Reservoir and has since provided public access to elevation data from these reservoirs on our own website at <https://hrbrdd.ny.gov/gauge-data-and-reservoir-release/>; and

**WHEREAS**, the presentation of elevation data on our website is limited in both form and content; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regulating District's current vendor, OTT HydroMet, supplies the data collection hardware equipment at each of the Regulating District's reservoirs assuring a seamless, fully compatible, system from data collection to website presentation; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2026 staff requested a proposal from OTT HydroMet to provide enhanced web-based data hosting and presentation of elevation data for Indian Lake, Old Forge, and Sixth Lake Reservoir; and

**WHEREAS**, OTT HydroMet proposes to provide data download, processing, storage, and website hosting services fulfilling the Regulating District's data viewing and presentation needs for a one-

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time amount not-to-exceed price of \$9,302.00 with an ongoing annual fee not to exceed \$1,569 with a ten percent annual escalator;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hudson River – Black River Regulating District Board authorizes staff to expend an amount not to exceed \$9,302.00 to purchase web-based data hosting services to provide data download, processing, storage and website hosting to facilitate data viewing and presentation anticipating additional annual expenses below \$2,000 as detailed in a January 16, 2026 proposal for such services from OTT HydroMet.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby authorize the following transfer in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget:

Account Number	Account Name	Increase	Decrease
5690-0300	Computer Consultant	2,578	
5870-0300	Data Communications	523	
5690-0600	Computer Consultant	5,156	
5870-0600	Data Communications	1,046	
5800-0300	Gauges - USGS Contract		3,101
5800-0600	Gauges - USGS Contract		6,202

Approved as to form:



Robert P. Leslie  
General Counsel

Motion was made by Mr. Reagan and seconded by Mr. DeWitt that the Resolution be approved.

Present and Voting:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NOE</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mr. Finkle	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Mr. Candido	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Mr. Hayes	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Mr. De Witt	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Mr. Bird	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Reagan	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Mrs. Allen	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____