HUDSON RIVER-BLACK RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2026
10 AM

Town of Boonville Town Offices
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Boonville, NY 13309

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CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mark M. Finkle called the meeting to order at 10:42 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Chair Mark M. Finkle; First Vice-Chair Kenneth F. DeWitt; Board Members Alfred J. Candido, Jr., Albert J. Hayes, Richard Bird and Timothy J. Reagan; Executive Director John C. Callaghan; General Counsel Robert P. Leslie; Chief Engineer Robert S. Foltan and Chief Fiscal Officer Timothy M. Maniccia.

Video: Second Vice-Chair Nicole T. Allen.

Excused: Director of Administrative Services Stephanie V. Ruzycky.

MOTION TO ADOPT OR REVISE THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Finkle asked for a motion to adopt or revise the agenda. Mr. Candido moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Hayes seconded. The Board approved the motion in a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Finkle opened the meeting to public comment; hearing none.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair Finkle asked for a motion to adopt the September 9, 2026 regular board meeting minutes. Mr. Bird advanced the motion to approve the September 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Mr. DeWitt seconded. The Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Callaghan presented his report; referring the Board to his written report. Mr. Callaghan updated the Board on the dam rehabilitation projects at Old Forge/Sixth Lake and Conklingville. He applauded the Chief Engineer's leadership during a particularly trying period.

Mr. Callaghan and Chair Finkle presented a plaque to Black River Area Superintendent Michael A. Dicob acknowledging twenty-five years of service to the Regulating District.

CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $15,360 FOR OVERHEAD GARAGE DOORS ON NEW COLD STORAGE GARAGE

Mr. Callaghan presented a resolution authorizing an expenditure to add garage doors to the cold storage building at the Sacandaga Field Office. He noted that on July 14, 2026 the Board approved $22,410.11 for building materials and $15,000 for a concrete pad for the new building, which has been erected in-house by SFO personnel. Staff solicited quotes for overhead garage doors for the building from D&A Overhead Doors & Service, Adirondack Overhead Door, and Amsterdam Overhead Door. D&A Overhead Doors & Service provided the lower reasonable quote of $15,360. Pursuant to the Board's adopted procurement policy, expenditures exceeding $5,000 require Board approval. Mr. Callaghan recommended that the Board authorize the expenditure of up to $15,360 to D&A Overhead Doors & Service of Fort Plain, NY for furnishing and installing overhead garage doors at the new cold storage building at SFO. He also recommended that the Board authorize the following transfer in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget:

Account Number	Account Name	Increase	Decrease
5260-0200	Capital Improvements	$35,000	
5220-0200	Vehicles		$35,000

Board Chair Mark Finkle asked for a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to $15,360 to D&A Overhead Doors & Service of Fort Plain, NY for furnishing and installing overhead garage doors at the new cold storage building at SFO and transferring necessary funds from Account 5220-0200 (Vehicles) to Account 5260-0200 (Capital Improvements). Mr. Hayes so moved. Mr. Reagan seconded and the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTATION OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

Audit Committee Chair Hayes noted that Brent Jensen of EFPR Group LLP presented the Regulating District's fairly stated audit to the Audit Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Leslie presented his report. The General Recoveries Unit of the OAG's Civil Recoveries Bureau has opposed Erie's Motion to Remove the Erie case to federal court and Erie's Motion to Dismiss. Counsel continues to work with counsel for its insurance carrier with respect to discovery demands received concerning an injury alleged to have befallen a mason working for a sub-contractor on the Indian Lake rehabilitation project.

Mr. Callaghan presented Ms. Ruzycky's report to the Board. Therein, Ms. Ruzycky noted that she convened the monthly SFO Supervisory Team meeting; attended an Executive Chamber Agency Engagement meeting focusing on the Energy Affordability Program; and participated in the SUNY ESF "Empire State of Work" career and recruitment event.

Mr. Maniccia presented his report to the Board. Therein he noted that at the close of September 30, 2026, the general fund balances for the HRA and BRA were approximately $4,315,734 and $2,723,666 respectively. When combined (in the amount of $7,039,400), this total is $153,869 or 2.2% more than the same period last year. Year-to-date Regulating District Expenses exceeded Revenue by $583,682. This amount is $325,240 more than the July-September 2025 period. This arises largely because the timing of Revenue and Expenses in these early days of the fiscal year are more impactful than they are at the end of the year. Significant disbursements for the period include: Payroll, Health Insurance, and Bergmann/Colliers. Mr. Maniccia reported that the Regulating District's transactional processing and reporting are current.

Mr. Maniccia presented an affidavit evidencing necessary and reasonable Board expenses incurred by Board Member Richard Bird ($152.00) in the course of his duties as a Board Member. Mr. Reagan moved to approve payment of such expenses. Mr. DeWitt seconded and the Board passed the motion in a unanimous vote.

Mr. Foltan presented the Chief Engineer's report. Therein Mr. Foltan noted that the September average daily release from the Sacandaga Reservoir (Great Sacandaga Lake) was approximately 1,490 cubic feet per second (cfs). Precipitation during the month of September was below average across the Great Sacandaga Lake and the Indian Lake watershed. The monthly inflow to Great Sacandaga Lake and Indian Lake reservoir was approximately 46% and 44% of historic average, respectively. Monthly release of water from Great Sacandaga Lake and Indian Lake measured 82% and 73% of historic average, respectively.

The September average daily release from Stillwater Reservoir was approximately 290 cfs. Monthly total precipitation measured 42%, 53%, and 56% of historic average at Stillwater, Old Forge, and Sixth Lake, respectively, as of September 26th. Precipitation in the month of September was below average at Stillwater, and below average at Old Forge and Sixth Lake. The monthly inflow to Stillwater Reservoir was approximately 21% of historic average. The inflow to Sixth Lake and Old Forge Reservoir totaled 0.02 and 0.06 billion cubic feet, respectively, in September. Release of water from Stillwater Reservoir averaged 69% of historic discharge.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING DATE AND TIME OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chair Mark Finkle asked for a motion to adopt a resolution setting the date, and time for the next Regular Board meeting of the Board of the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District for Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at the Regulating District's Sacandaga Field Office 737 Bunker Hill Road Mayfield, NY 12117 at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Hayes moved to adopt the resolution setting the date, time and location of the Regular meeting. Mr. DeWitt seconded and the Board adopted the resolution by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mark Finkle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hayes advanced the motion. Mr. Reagan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

26-35-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $15,360 FOR OVERHEAD GARAGE DOORS ON NEW COLD STORAGE GARAGE

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Robert P. Leslie
Secretary

Mark M. Finkle
Board Chair