

Albany Pool Communities Intermunicipal Agreement Board
Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2015, 9:00am
CDRPC One Park Place, Suite 102, Albany NY

Present

Martin Daley – CDRPC Staff
Rocco Ferraro – CDRPC Staff
Donna Reinhart – CDRPC Staff
Kimberly Moshier - CDRPC Staff
Steve Gordon – Beveridge & Diamond
John Paul - Beveridge & Diamond (via call-in)
Jeanine Rogers Caruso – Fiscal Advisors
Mike Miller – Albany Pool Joint Venture Team (CHA)
Rob Ostapczuk – Albany Pool Joint Venture Team (Arcadis)
Dan Durfee - Albany Pool Joint Venture Team (Arcadis)
Greg Bold - Albany Pool Joint Venture Team (CDM Smith)
Gary Nathan – City of Cohoes
Bill Simcoe – City of Albany
Chris Wheland – City of Troy
Neil Bonesteel – City of Troy
Rich Lyons – Albany County Sewer District
Tim Murphy – Albany County Sewer District
Joe Coffey – City of Albany
Jeremy Smith – City of Watervliet
Gerry Moscinski – Rensselaer County Sewer District
Tony Manfredi – City of Rensselaer
Maggie Alix – Village of Green Island

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Joe Coffey called the meeting to order at 9:00am

II. Reading of Minutes of May 14, 2015

The minutes were distributed before the meeting for review.

III. Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2015

There were no changes to the minutes.

Action Taken

Chris Wheland made a motion to approve the May 14, 2015 meeting minutes and Gary Nathan seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Open Meetings Law Notice and Posting Policy

A draft Open Meetings Law Notice and Posting Policy was distributed to the board. Official meetings of the IMA Board are for the purpose of conducting public business

and are open to the public. All meeting notices will be posted by CDRPC on their website. CDRPC will distribute meeting notices to each of the IMA Board members. CDRPC will send meeting announcements via email to the Times Union and Troy Record.

Each of the board members shall post notices of all meetings in a location that is accessible and visible to the public and in an appropriate place on their websites. These postings should be posted no less than 3 business days in advance of a scheduled meeting. The policy is consistent with the requirements established by the Authority Budget Office.

Action Taken

Jeremy Smith made a motion to approve the Open Meetings Law Notice and Posting Policy and Maggie Alix seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Other Business

Rob Ostapczuk gave an update on the implementation of the Post Construction Monitoring Program to the Board. Albany and Rensselaer Sewer Districts have begun the implementation of the Program and have been out sampling each Wednesday with occasional changes in schedule to capture data after a rain event that may fall on a different weekday. Rob shared a very preliminary set of data for the month of May, a dry month. The data represents a very limited set of results and without additional data, it's not reliable for the purposes of illustrating a trend or an average. One month of data is not enough to draw conclusions. There will be more information available at the next meeting. There was some discussion about how to identify sources of bacteria in the tributaries to determine if it's from animals or humans– DNA testing is one possibility but it is extremely costly. The IMA Board will be updated on the PCCMP results at the next meeting slated for October. In the time leading up to the meeting, more data will be collected and analyzed and the board will have a much clearer picture of river and tributary conditions and how CSOs affect bacteria counts.

DEC has issued new policies under the Sewer Right to Know Act. The public comment period on these proposed regulations is open until July 31. While communities are encouraged to comment, they may do so as a group by sending their comments to Martin no later than July 23 so Martin can draft a coordinated letter and run it by the communities before submission. Each community will need to register with the Sewage Right to Know Act through the NY Alert Program (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/90315.html>). The Publically Owned Sewer System application can be found at http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/nyalertposs.pdf. Staff recommended each community register and will work with DEC staff in the coming months to set up a training, together, on how to coordinate reports and incorporate the Notification Website into reports.

Adjournment

Gary Nathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Wheland seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next IMA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Project Manager