

MINUTES OF THE AUBURN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
AT 4:00 PM

Members Present: Denny Zach, Chairperson, Krste Biljanoski, Mike Luksa

Members Absent: John Montone, Nancy Hussey, Jim Wride and Mike Quill

Staff Present: Doug Selby, Bill Lupien and Anthony DeCaro

Staff Absent:

Chairperson Denny Zach called the meeting to order on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes tabled. No quorum.

**Public to be heard:**

None

**Hydroelectric Facilities:**

Denny reported that we had scheduled a meeting last month with Siemans and CHANT and he cancelled it due to the fact that he knew Board members would not be present.

Anthony updated the Board on a couple of matters. He advised that they were to have a conference call with Siemans to talk about the progress of the project. There is an ongoing discussion about the retention of the SCADA people that integrate our software at the plant and they need to work with them. CHANT has not been very forthcoming with giving our SCADA people very much detail so we've turned to Siemans instead so they get the right information. A contract has been executed so we can move forward on that.

Anthony went on to report that a bar screen had been installed but it was installed at 90° angle and we are not happy with that. It's dangerous, really hard to be able to see down to the bottom and it's difficult to clean. They are going to be instructed to put it in at a 75° degree angle. At 75° the flow of the river will actually fill the trash rack from the bottom to the top with debris. The flow of the river actually assists you when you're pulling material off it. At 90° you're fighting the current all the way. There was some discussion on the cost of this and the consensus was that it will have to be fixed and who would be responsible for the repair.

Anthony also reported that there was some work that will be looked at by FERC for the design and review and that's the rip raff on the dam itself. FERC is requiring us to do some additional rip raff at the dam, they want it higher up immediately following the

dam, what they call the “tail curve” of a potential flood. He went on to explain how this would be made possible.

Bill Lupien advised that apparently the equipment is all prepared, it's off-site but they want to wait until they're ready to bring it on so when they come here, it comes right to the site. They don't want to bring it to Auburn and load it somewhere then have to reload it again. They want to be able to bring it right down when they're ready to install it. There was some discussion on when it would be installed.

Denny advised that NYSEG wants to raise their line going across the Outlet and they're going to set another pole south and east of our existing pole. They're going to turn the existing pole that by the building and they're going to turn that over to the City. He explained how this would be done and what the City needs to do to make this happen. Denny is going to investigate this.

Bill Lupien advised that we have until the end of May to have it all operational. There was discussion on this.

Anthony reported that North Division is not operable. That actually played a role in our problems with the flooding in Port Byron. North Division running is actually one of the things that helps to prevent flooding. He went on to discuss how and why. He advised that there was a meeting with NYSEG in conjunction with North Division to take a look at what we need to put another meter in there to make it eligible for net metering and the cost was \$8,000 or \$9,000. That's done, we just have to get someone to make a decision on what we're going to do with it. There was discussion on this. The cause of the non-operation was discussed at this time as well.

Denny reiterated that in December we asked Siemens and NYSEG to come in and give us a presentation but this had to be cancelled due to lack of attendance. It was decided to have the meeting at the next month's AMPA regular meeting. Denny will arrange this.

Mike Luksa inquired as to exactly where we were regarding North Division Street. This was discussed at length. It was discussed that we should build a crane onsite for the future.

Denny advised that he wants to contact NYSEG for a special meeting to find out what their legal position is if we were to do an upgrade on North Division and the state of the contract. There was discussion on this.

### **LFGTE Facility:**

Denny advised that Mark Storrs had generated a production report which he did not bring to the meeting. The process is in place for a buyout. He discussed this further.

Energy saving events were also discussed.

**Engineering Energy Updates:**

Bill Lupien advised that they were going to be working on the North Division Street Bridge. There will be a total replacement. They are going through the paperwork at the moment. There are a couple of other projects in the works and Bill outlined them.

**Old Business:**

Mike Luksa requested a State Dam update. Anthony advised that a progress meeting is scheduled. There is hope that they will be done by the end of the week. There was discussion on this. Bill Lupien advised that there will be an upgrade to the security cameras so there will be cameras on both sides so we can see both upstream and downstream of the gate. Anthony advised of the security upgrades. There was more discussion regarding the State Dam and the ability to make power.

**New Business:**

None.

Meeting adjourned.