

**NIAGARA POWER COALITION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 – Following HCSC Meeting
Niagara County Department of Economic Development
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One
Sanborn, New York 14132

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni performed roll call:

Representatives Present:

William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Leg & NPC
Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent

Chris Roser, Superintendent
Scott Hapeman, Esq.
Jackie Siegmann
Dennis Brochey, Supervisor

Niagara County
Niagara Falls City School District
City of Niagara Falls
Lewiston Porter School District
Niagara Wheatfield School District
Town of Niagara
Town of Lewiston

Guests:

Thomas Burgasser, Esq.
Mike Risman, Esq.
Angelo Massaro, Esq.
Paul Kloosterman

Niagara County
Town of Niagara
Niagara Falls City School District
Town of Lewiston

Staff Present:

Samuel M. Ferraro, NCDED
Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
John M. Baird, Treasurer, NPC
Stanley Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel

Chairman Ross announced that the HCSC meeting will be moved from April 1st to March 25th in order to accommodate the NPC Annual Meeting, which needs to occur prior to April 1st.

3.0 2014 Arrangements for Administrative Support Commencing January 1, 2014

Mr. Hapeman explained that steps were taken to maintain Ms. Melloni's skills and experience in dealing with this unique body. Originally it was her position was budgeted as a contract employee; however, the purchase of equipment and the establishment of an office at the Niagara Falls School District Administrative Building necessitated putting her on the payroll as she could not be considered a contract employee. This incurs additional costs that the NPC will absorb if approved by the members in the amount of \$3,816. This is outlined in the attached. Mr. Hapeman noted that the NPC saved \$4,000 by moving the administrative office to the Niagara Falls School District as they will not require any rent. He also pointed out that the NPC also has enough reserves to cover the additional costs.

**3.0 2014 Arrangements for Administrative Support Commencing January 1, 2014
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Mr. Hapeman asked for a motion to approve placing Ms. Melloni on the payroll for the additional cost of \$3,816 per year. *Ms. Bianco made the motion, seconded by Mr. Roser, to approve the additional cost to place Ms. Melloni on the payroll of the NPC. Motion passed.*

Mr. Widger explained that there is a lease agreement between the NPC and the City of Niagara Falls School District that needs approval. Even though there are no rental fees, there are insurance requirements that need to be met, therefore a motion is requested to approve the lease agreement. *Mr. Hapeman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Roser, to authorize the Chairman of the NPC to enter into an agreement with the City of Niagara Falls School District for the Administrative office of the NPC. Motion passed.*

4.0 Correspondence - None

5.0 Any Other Matters - None

6.0 Next Meeting – To be Determined

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Brochey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bianco. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Secretary