

# NIAGARA POWER COALITION

## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 9, 2012 – Following HCSC Meeting

Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One

Sanborn, New York 14132

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### 1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

### 2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni performed roll call:

#### Representatives Present:

Don Rappold, Asst. Superintendent – Chairman,  
HCSC

Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent

Tom O'Donnell, Esq.

Rob Daly, Special Advisor, Relicensing

William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Leg & NPC

Scott Hapeman, Esq.

Michael Risman, Esq.

Steve Reiter, Supervisor

Lewiston-Porter School District

Niagara Falls City School District

City of Niagara Falls

New York Power Authority

Niagara County

Niagara Wheatfield School  
District

Town of Niagara

Town of Lewiston

#### Guests:

Tom Prohaska

Chris Roser, Superintendent

Thomas Burgasser, Esq.

Mike Johnson

Jackie Siegmann

Mark Scheer

Angelo Massaro, Esq.

Buffalo News

Lewiston-Porter School District

Niagara County

Town of Lewiston

Town of Niagara

Niagara Gazette

Niagara Falls City School District

#### Staff Present:

Charles W. Miller, Jr., President

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary

John M. Baird, Treasurer, NPC

Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody (via teleconference)

### 3.0 Approval of NPC Meeting Minutes

#### 3.1 Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2011

*A Motion to approve both the November 2, 2011 meeting minutes was made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Reiter. Motion passed.*

#### **4.0 Financial Report**

##### **4.1 March – October 2011**

*Mr. Hapeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, to approve the March – October 2011 financial report. Motion carried.*

##### **4.2 YTD Budget Report – Informational Only**

##### **4.3 2012 Annual NPC Audit Schedule**

Ms. Melloni stated that the Audit of the NPC began on February 6, 2012 and they will provide a draft audit the week prior to our March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting; and the final audit will be presented at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting by Lumsden McCormick auditors.

#### **5.0 HCSC-Related Matters**

##### **5.1 NYPA Letter**

It was agreed that the responses to the December 13, 2011 letter from Rob Daly of NYPA be forwarded to Mary Melloni who will then forward them on to Mr. Widger for review. Upon approval by Mr. Widger, they will then be forwarded as a complete package to Mr. Daly.

##### **5.2 Audit RFP**

As was discussed at the previous HCSC meeting, Mr. Daly will make adjustments to the draft RFP and present it to the members prior to the next meeting for review. It will then be discussed and hopefully approved at the next meeting of the NPC.

#### **6.0 ABO – Changes to Open Meeting Law**

Mr. Widger explained that the Authorities Budget Office is now requiring that all LCD's post their agendas and meetings materials on their web site prior to the scheduled meeting. The NPC web site is being configured to allow this to be done for the NPC and HCSC meetings as well.

#### **7.0 Any Other Matters**

##### **7.1 Buffalo Spree Article (Informational Only)**

*[will be attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes.]*

**8.0 Next Meeting**

Mr. Widger explained that it is necessary to hold the Annual Meeting of the Niagara Power Coalition prior to the April 1<sup>st</sup> date. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

**4.0 Adjournment**

*Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reiter. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary P. Melloni  
Secretary