

NIAGARA POWER COALITION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 – 12:00 p.m.

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 12:13 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni performed roll call:

Representatives Present:

Don Rappold, Asst. Superintendent – Chairman, HCSC	Lewiston-Porter School District
Angelo Massaro, Esq.	Niagara Falls City School District
Tom O'Donnell, Esq.	City of Niagara Falls
William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Leg & NPC	Niagara County
Scott Hapeman, Esq.	Niagara Wheatfield School District
Michael Risman, Esq.	Town of Niagara
Mike Johnson	Town of Lewiston

Guests:

Chris Roser, Superintendent	Lewiston-Porter School District
Thomas Burgasser, Esq.	Niagara County
Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara
Ashley Wood, Treasurer	Niagara Wheatfield School District

Staff Present:

Samuel M. Ferraro, NCDED
Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
John M. Baird, Treasurer, NPC

3.0 Approval of NPC Meeting Minutes

3.1 Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2012

Meeting minutes were reviewed and it was noted that Mr. Daly should be moved from "Representatives Present" list to "Guests." ***Mr. O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve the minutes with the noted revision. Motion passed.***

4.0 2013 Budget

Mr. Hapeman explained that the anticipated costs are \$66,670.00 which is approximately an 8% reduction from the 2012 budget. Because there was a surplus from 2012, the actual cost for each entity is reduced by approximately 30%, requiring each entity to pay \$8,825.00 for the year. Mr. Hapeman reviewed individual expenses. He explained that they are proposing a reduction from the 2012 estimate of \$53,000 to \$47,500. Mr. Widger provided the budget committee with a detailed estimate of expected expenses for 2013 and that total was \$50,000. The Budget Committee reduced that by \$2,500 as the NPC has repeatedly expressed its interest in reducing legal fees. Mr. Widger's estimate was based on an 8-meeting year and the Committee feels that there will be fewer meetings in 2013, therefore reducing the estimate by approximately 10%. Mr. Widger stated that the reduction that Mr. Hapeman indicated was reasonable.

Mr. Hapeman stated that the Accounting fees for 2012 did not allocate an amount for the HCSC 3-Year Audit, however, does not have to be included this year. This year's budget includes only the annual audit for the NPC at \$5,600. The Budget Committee, however, wanted to raise the issue of the HCSC paying for the 3-year audit out of the interest that it accrues from the NYPA funds. He noted that Ms. Melloni's salary is slightly increased to match the benefit increase of the NCIDA. Amount for supplies will be carried over from 2012; occupancy costs are fixed. The web site went over budget in 2012 because the hourly work had expired and was renewed; however, this is expected to carry us through 2013 and therefore the only budgeted item for the web site is the hosting fee.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Massaro, to approve and adopt the 2013 Niagara Power Coalition Budget. Motion passed.

Mr. O'Donnell suggested that the issue of the Host Communities Standing Committee paying the Audit fees should be discussed at the next HCSC meeting, along with a discussion of the requirements for the 3-year audit.

5.0 Correspondence

6.0 Unfinished Business

7.0 New Business – None.

8.0 Legal Counsel – None.

9.0 Other Matters – None.

10.0 Next Meeting – To be Determined

11.0 Adjournment

*Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hapeman. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Secretary