

**NIAGARA POWER COALITION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 30, 2013 – 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:

Chris Roser, Superintendent

Cynthia Bianco, Superintendent

Tom O'Donnell, Esq.

William L. Ross, Chairman, NC Leg & NPC

Scott Hapeman, Esq.

Michael Risman, Esq.

Mike Johnson

Lewiston-Porter School District

Niagara Falls City School District

City of Niagara Falls

Niagara County

Niagara Wheatfield School District

Town of Niagara

Town of Lewiston

Guests:

Thomas Burgasser, Esq.

Jackie Siegmann

Niagara County

Town of Niagara

Staff Present:

Samuel M. Ferraro, NCDED

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary

John M. Baird, Treasurer, NPC

3.0 2014 Budget

Mr. Hapeman explained that the anticipated costs are \$68,550.00. Because there was a surplus from 2013, the actual cost for each entity is reduced, requiring each entity to pay \$10,365.00 for the year. Mr. Hapeman reviewed individual expenses. He explained that they are proposing legal fees in the amount of \$47,500. Mr. Widger provided the budget committee with a detailed estimate of expected expenses for 2014 and that total was \$52,000. The Budget Committee reduced that 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 2014, therefore reducing the estimate. Mr. Widger stated that the reduction that Mr. Hapeman indicated was reasonable.

3.0 2014 Budget

This year's budget for the annual audit is \$5,700.

Mr. Hapeman noted that Ms. Melloni's salary is increased to \$7,200 per year due to the fact that she will be retiring from the NCIDA and working out of a newly established office for the NPC/HCSC. Therefore the amount for equipment and supplies will increase to \$6,000 to allow for the establishment of the office. The occupancy fee has been reduced to \$2000 as the office will no longer be located at the Center for Economic Development; however, all meetings will still be held there. The website has only the yearly \$150 hosting fee.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Massaro, to approve and adopt the 2014 Niagara Power Coalition Budget. Motion passed.

4.0 Correspondence - None

5.0 Any Other Matters - None

6.0 Next Meeting – To be Determined

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hapeman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Secretary