

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2024

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Sherman (T. New Hartford) * remote
Stephane Wurz (City of Utica)
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany/ OC)
Nicole Bourgeois (OC DPW)

Dan Appler (OC E-911)
Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)
Madalyn DeCarr (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the November 21, 2023 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Kyle Tritten and second by Stephanie Wurz.

Election of 2024 Chairperson

Chairperson Dave Glenn announced the group had to nominate a chairperson for 2024. Kyle T. made a motion to reappoint Dave Glenn as chairperson of the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission in 2024, a second by Rick Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.

Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update

Maggie R. provided a brief update on the projects in the Town of Whitestown. Project 3 design of the Wadas bench along with property acquisition and enhanced Project 2 are moving along. The State Forestry grant will be used for any acquisition costs.

The cooperative agreement between the Town of Whitestown and USDA NRCS for the home buy-out program will be signed in days. Once that agreement is signed, the Town can take more control of the project and will be sending communication to participants about the status of the program and upcoming steps. Once titles are cleared, home closings will be starting this year and demolition in the next year. Chairperson Glenn asked if local fire departments could use some of the structures for training exercises similar to what was done with New Harford and City of Utica.

MS4 Coalition

Kristin gave an update on the MS4 coalition creation. The Oneida County Board of Legislature approved the creation of the Mohawk Valley Stormwater Coalition on January 17, 2024. Kristin will work on setting up a meeting on the next steps for members and the signing of the IMA.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$126,246.87. There were no new bills. Upon a motion by Kyle T. and a second by Rick S., the motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Other Business

Training Opportunities

Oneida County Planning Department staff was contacted by the US Census to see if there was interest in a presentation on tools from the US Census that the public might not be aware of that has practical applications such as Community Resiliency Estimators and OnTheMap for Emergency Management. There will be a presentation on March 27, 2024 at 3pm at the Planning Department office located at 321 Main Street, Union Station, 3rd Floor. A flyer will be sent out explaining more about the event.

Member Reports

There were no member reports.

Grants

Kristin reminded the members they can still apply for the Oneida Flood Mitigation Grant Program and to contact her with any questions. She also provided handouts for three other grant opportunities from Northern Regional Borders Commission, Army Corps of Engineers Planning Assistance to States and FEMA BRIC Direct Technical Assistance Grant.

Meeting Location

Chairperson Glenn asked members for thoughts on moving the meeting to Oneida County DPW on Judd Road in Oriskany. Members are in favor of moving the meeting location. Kristin will reach out to Commissioner Baisley and Chris Burtch about room availability.

The next regular meeting date is March 19, 2024 at 4:30 at a location to be determined.