

# Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024

4:30 PM

Oneida County Dept of Public Works Building  
5999 Judd Road  
Oriskany, NY

### **Present**

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)  
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)  
Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)  
Nicholas Bridenbecker (City of Utica)  
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)  
Nicole Bourgeois (OC DPW)  
Dan Appler (OC E-911)  
Chris Burtch (OC DPW-Oriskany)  
Brian Whittaker (Ramboll)  
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)

Tomas Olivier (Syracuse University)  
Calista Albring (Syracuse University)  
Scott Benson (Syracuse University)  
Xiaoxu Hao (Syracuse University)  
Shang Yat Lam (Syracuse University)  
Joanna Ostroot (Syracuse University)  
Josh Dahlin (HOCCPP Staff)  
Jeff Rehler (HOCCPP Staff)  
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the May 21, 2024 minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

### **Student Project Presentation**

Graduate students from the Maxwell School of Public Policy at Syracuse University were in attendance to do a brief presentation on a research project they had worked on for the past 4 weeks in conjunction with the Oneida County Planning Department. The students, under the supervision of Professor Olivier, reviewed green infrastructure examples around the county to get an understanding of the benefits to incorporating the use of the green practices in local decision making. The final product from students is a brochure that can be distributed to local decision makers on the benefits and how to utilize the practice locally to become more resilient. The second topic that was covered is research of examples from around the country on what happens to land after a flood buyout program. Examples of similar programs and the outcomes were studied. Students created a model survey that can be used in the future to try to better understand the needs of the participants in a buyout program and explore potential land use preferences after a program is completed.

### **Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update**

Chairperson Glenn said there were no new items to report on the project. Brian W. reported Project 3 is the next and will share updates as the project gets underway.

### **MS4 Coalition**

Kristin reported the Mohawk Valley Stormwater Coalition will be meeting tonight directly after the SCBIC meeting. Communities have signed onto the agreement, and the document is executed. Additional members can join at a later date with approval of the MVSC.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$126,246.87. There were no new bills. Kristin reminded Chairperson Glenn that invoices for 2024 member contributions will need to be sent out in September.

### **Other Business**

Chairperson Glenn confirmed with members pausing meeting in July and August 2024 unless there is an emergency, and the group will be contacted to meet.

### **Member Reports**

*Utica:* Stephanie W. introduced the new City of Utica Engineer Nicholas Bridenbecker to the members.

*Whitesboro:* Kyle T. reported that there are discussions about a cooperative agreement between the Town of Whitestown and Village of Whitesboro regarding the maintenance of the buyout area.

*Oneida County DPW:* Nicole reported there is a meeting with state and federal agencies and DPW to discuss funding gaps and status of the Clinton Street Bridge replacement in New Hartford.

The next regular meeting date is September 17, 2024 at 4:30 at the Oneida County DPW.