

MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2025 4:00 PM

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

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown) Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville) Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro) Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford) Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford) Steve Messenger (T. of Paris) Marvin Martin (T. of Paris) Nicole Bourgeois (OC WPC) Jake Voelker (NYS DOT) Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany) Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP Staff) Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:10 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the May 20, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Kyle T. and second by Tom Hughes.

Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update

There was no update on Project 3 and 4. Chairperson Glenn noted that a person from out of state has been calling residents and asking questions about the NRCS Buyout Program in Whitesboro. This is one of the largest NRCS Projects to date and has received attention out of the region. If there are questions about the buy-out program, Chairperson Glenn stated that Brian Whitaker at Ramboll Engineering is the project manager and is the contact person to take questions about the project.

Town of New Hartford reported that they are getting ready to go out to bid on the Rayhill Trail repairs and flood bench project. This section of the creek received extensive damage and has been under review by FEMA since the 2019 Halloween storms. The Town has worked on the engineering, environmental review and permitting of the project that includes flood plain restoration and flood benches along the stretch from the Highway garage up towards the Clinton Street Bridge.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$150,522.13. Kristin reported there is a request to the SCBIC from the Town of Whitestown for assistance with costs associated with submitting a Resilient Watershed Grant application for Mitigation Project 3 of the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Project. The Town retained Ramboll Engineering to

prepare the application for a cost of \$15,000. A motion to accept the treasurers report and payment of costs associated with the Town of Whitestown's RWG grant application was made by Kyle T., second by Rick S. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Chairperson Glenn.

Member Reports

There were no new member reports.

Other Business

- Kristin reported that the NYS Consolidated Funding Application grant period is open. Grant applications are due July 31, 2025. Kristin will send the links to members. There was interest and discussion about salt storage grants. <u>https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/grant-applications/wqip-program</u> and <u>https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/grant-applications</u>
- Members discussed the work that has been completed in the watershed over the years. They requested a map be made that shows the locations of the projects completed since 2005. Kristin will work with the GIS staff to have a map completed by the September meeting.
- Members agreed to pause meeting over the summer. There will be no meetings in July and August 2025.

The next regular meeting date is September 16, 2025 at 4:00pm at the Oneida County DPW.