



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2020

4:30 PM

WebEx Remote meeting

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Supervisor Christian (T. of Paris)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)
Steve Devan (WQ&WPC)
Dana Olney (Assemblyperson Buttenschon)
Sherry Hierholzer (NYS DOT)

Karl Schrantz (OBG)
Maggie Reilly (OBG)
Brian Whittaker (OBG)
Paul Romano (OBG)
Shaun Gannon (OBG)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The WebEx meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian and second by Dave Glenn, the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting was approved.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Chairperson Glenn gave a brief update of Phase 2 of the flood plain restoration project near the CSX tracks. The archeological digging is complete and this information will be used to secure the final permits. It is anticipated that the project will starting the fall. Dave reported that one of three necessary easements are now complete.

Brian Whittaker (OBG) introduced Maggie Reilly as the new project manager on the Phase 2 of the flood bench project. Maggie R. explained the archeological work will be completed on Friday and this will finish the requirements of Section 106 permitting. With the historical resources study being completed, then the Army Corps of Engineers permit should be forthcoming. The next step is completing the bid documents and putting out the project to advertise.

Maggie R. mentioned that the long-term maintenance of the project is something that must be discussed among the interested parties. Chairperson Glenn agreed and said this is something that could be put in the work plan of the Commission as a partner.

Chairperson Glenn said an informational meeting should be scheduled soon of voting members of the Commission, State and County officials to go over the inundation study results. Shaun G. (OBG) reported that an appendix would be coming as a companion to the report in the next couple of weeks.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$ 159,231.63. This includes the grant money deposited for the Whitesboro Drainage Study. There were no bills to pay. Kristin reported that the membership yearly contribution vouchers were sent last month and so far five municipalities have paid \$17, 395 for 2020 but this is not reflected in the current treasurer's report. Upon a motion by Rick Sherman, and second by Supervisor Christian, members voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Other Business

- Chairperson Glenn requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities.
 - Supervisor Christian asked if other members had revived papers about the Mauro lawsuit. His insurance company had informed him that documents are being requested. Rick S. stated they were aware of the request.
 - Rick Sherman reported that the Town of New Hartford is waiting results of a draining study in Wards 1 and 2. Dunn and Sgromo staff spent a month walking around identifying drainage structures. Stephanie W. requested that the results be shared with Utica and others on the Commission who may be interested.
 - Brian Whittaker (OBG) reported that about 3 weeks ago he, Paul Roman, and Maggie Reilly, had a call with John Dunkle of Dunn and Sgromo to discuss the work his firm was working on in the region and the MMI reports. It was a good discussion and collaborative meeting to talk about ideas in the watershed.
- Chairperson Glenn said elected officials have reached out to him to sat flooding in Whitesboro was on their mind and not forgotten. Representatives from Buttenschon, Griffio and Legislator Flisnik have all reached out.
- Kristin reported that Matt Pawlusik from her office would be reaching out soon to municipalities about the mapping and scheduling a site visit to map problem areas for the long-term maintenance plans.

The next meeting date is July 21, 2020. Kristin will send out directions on how to attend remotely with WebEx.