

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2023

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Stephane Wurz (City of Utica)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Dana Olney (A/M Buttenschon)

Susan Jaquish (A/M Miller)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Celeste Friend (Citizen)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The March 21, 2023 minutes were approved with a motion by Rick Sherman and a second by Kyle Tritten. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Whitestown Flood Plain Bench Update

Maggie R. provided updates on Projects 1& 3 and the NRCS buyout. Project 1 repairs at Dunham Manor Park went out to bid out to bid and bids will be opened on April 25, The goal is to start the repairs in mid-May with construction completed within 3 months (weather permitting). The benches did do their job even with needed repairs during the rain event on the evening of April 5th. Some of the plants have now established and kept the banks in place. Project 3, the Wadas property and enhanced Project 2 at the CSX tracks, is in design/engineering phase. Contract with NYS EFC GIGP should be signed by the end of May.

There was noted sediment near the CSX bridge after the April 5th storm and some debris. The benches functioned as designed during the storm. There is some necessary cleaning as the result of the storm 2 weeks ago. The Town has reached out to CSX and the State about the cleaning of the branches and other storm related debris.

A brief update was provided on the NRCS buy-outs. The Town of Whitestown will be sending out an update letter to participating homeowners about the program soon. NRCS is moving to clear all the titles and once this is completed the next step is for contracts to go out to property owners.

Upper Sauquoit Creek Modeling

The draft plan was given to Kristin and Dave G. this week. Ramboll is ready to present to the Commission once comments are received from DOT and DEC. The group discussed the options and will plan on a presentation to the members at the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$101,971.61. There was one bill submitted by Ramboll for \$43,450 for the watershed study of the upper portion of the Sauquoit Creek. This payment will be reimbursable by the Oneida County Flood Mitigation grant. Upon a motion by Stephanie Wurz and a second by Rick Sherman, the motion passed to pay \$43,450 to Ramboll. Upon a motion by Kyle T. and a second by Stephanie W., the motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Other Business

Member Reports

New Hartford

During the April 5th rain event, the Mud Creek detention ponds work as designed. Water filled the ponds to 14 ft. Roberts and Mohawk Street intersection will be closed for 4 weeks due to damage from the storm 2 weeks ago. There are gas pipes in the air. Chadwicks/Washington Mills area was hit hard to that storm will about 4 inches of rain in 2 hours. Rick reported that the Town walked the property behind the Highway garage and Rayhill Trail with NYS DOT. They are looking at sharing and exchanging some land to provide room for the Rayhill Trail repairs.

Whitesboro

The Village did experience flooding during the April storm, but the flood benches did work. The biggest issue was the storm sewer system was backed up for 3 days.

MS4 Coalition

Kristin spoke with staff at Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board about efforts in Onondaga County. Staff is willing to share training efforts and materials. A shared training for IDDE and sediment and erosion would be possible for both region's communities. Kristin is including a larger part of the 5 year water quality work plan with creation of a stormwater coalition.

The next meeting date is May 16, 2023 at 4:30 at the Town of New Hartford Offices.