

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 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)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)
Charles R. Gibbs II (V. of Whitesboro)

Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)
Dan Appler (OC E-911)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)
Madalyn DeCarr (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the March 19, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Kyle Tritten and second by Tom Hughes.

Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update

Chairperson Glenn provided an update on the project status in Whitestown. Project 1 is currently waiting final approval for the FEMA repairs and Project 3 has become an enhancement of Project 2 near the CSX tracks.

The Town of Whitestown has sent letters updating residents on the timeline of the NRCS buyout program. The letters informed residents in the program that archaeologists will be in the neighborhood surveying and documenting structures as part of the program requirements. The Town Attorney is working on preparing the titles to the land and has hired help to assist with the updated titles that will be required when the Town owns the land outright. Contracts should be sent to property owners in 2024 with demolition to start in 2025.

The Town of New Hartford repairs near the highway garage and the Rayhill Trail are in the Environmental Assessment (EA) review process with FEMA. The historic preservation review is complete, the project is in the final EA review stages with FEMA and going out for public comment. Once the public comment period is complete, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will start their public comment period and be able to issue a permit. DEC has been reviewing the project during this time.

MS4 Coalition

Kristin passed out copies of the IMA for the Mohawk Valley Stormwater Coalition. She asks that agreements be brought to the municipal boards for review and to provide a copy of the signed signature page and a copy of the resolution from the local board approving the membership. Once there are multiple members with signed agreements, the Mohawk Valley Stormwater Coalition (MVSWC) can start meeting. Members discussed individual efforts with reporting that were due April 1, 2024.

The first meeting of the MVSWC will be June 18th after the SCBIC meeting. Members agreed to meeting quarterly this year. Kristin discussed the group is now eligible for CFA funding to do MS4 mapping/data collection in member communities. Other future actions are drafting a strategic plan that outlines the group's activities to meet the General Permit requirements.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$126,246.87. There were no new bills.

Other Business

Chairperson Glenn asked members if they would like to take a break from meeting over the summer like we have done on past years. Members agreed to pausing meeting in July and August 2024 unless there is an emergency, and the group will be contacted to meet.

Member Reports

- Village of New Hartford and City of Utica reported they have been busy with outfall inspections and working on their MS4 reporting.
- Village of Whitesboro also has been busy with outfall inspections and MS4 compliance. Kyle T. reported that the Village does not have the mowing equipment to maintain the vegetative growth near the CSX tracks culverts. He wondered if the County, Town of Whitestown or State could come in to mow the grass near the bridge. Chairperson Glenn said this is part of the ongoing discussion between the entities on a maintenance agreement.

The next regular meeting date is May 21, 2024 at 4:30 at the Oneida County DPW.