

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2025

4:00 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)

Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville)

Steve Messenger (T. of Paris)

Marvin Martin (T. of Paris)

David Babowicz (OC DPW)

Chris Burtch (OC DPW)

Payton Reese (OC SWCD)

Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:00 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. Approval of the January 21, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Kyle Tritten and second by Stephanie Wurtz.

Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update

Chairperson Glenn updated members on the Whitestown projects. The first five properties were approved by the Town Board for the NRCS buyout program. The Town of Whitestown will communicate with fire and police as properties are closed. Any questions that residents have should be directed to project manager Brian Whitaker, Ramboll Engineering. As the project progresses in Whitesboro this is the best way to get accurate information.

NYS DOT hosted a public information open house on March 12, 2025 at the Whitesboro Middle School pertaining to the two bridge replacement projects over Sauquoit Creek, one on State Route 69 and another on Main Street in the Town of Whitestown. Attendees were able to view preliminary project plans, provide comments, and speak with NYSDOT representatives to answer individual questions and address concerns. Construction is expected to start in 2027.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is \$126,246.87. This does not include deposits from member contributions this month. Thank you to everyone for promptly sending in their annual membership contribution.

Upon a motion by Kyle Tritten to pass accept the treasurer's report, with a second by Joseph Morosco the motion passed unanimously.

Member Reports

Other Business

Kristin reported to members about two new grant opportunities that members may be interested in applying for funding. She looked over studies commissioned on Mud and Sauquoit Creek looking for eligible activities and will send possibilities to members after the meeting.

NYS EFC Green Innovation Grant Program is accepting applications that are due on 4/11/25. Additionally, NYS DEC Resilient Watershed Grant Program (RWG) is due on 6/6/25. The RWG is finding from the Bond Act for implementation of projects in the Malone and MacBroome (MMI) Studies or similar plans approved by NYS DEC. The studies include Sauquoit and Oriskany Creek along with the Sauquoit Creek Sediment and Debris Management Plan. There is a 10% match and 2 applications per municipalities can be submitted. Funding has a minimum of \$150,000 up to \$10 million.

Payton R. announced that Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting the 4 hour Erosion and Sediment Control class on April 10th. They are looking for a location and Kristin suggested MVCC. She will send him the information to contact the college.

The next regular meeting date is **April 15, 2025 at 4:00pm** at the Oneida County DPW directly after the MVSC meeting.