Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2026
3:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)
Stephanie Wurz (C. of Utica)
Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Nicole Bourgeois (OC WQ/WPC)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)
Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP Staff)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 3:12 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. As quorum was not met, the discussion and approval of the September 15, 2026 minutes was tabled.

Current Projects

There were no updates on Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration Project 3 and 4 and the Route 69 and Main Street Bridge replacement projects.

Chairperson Dave G. said six more houses were recently closed on and purchased by the Town of Whitestown as part of the USDA NRCS Buyouts. The number of houses purchased has slowed down due to the rest of the homes being occupied and residents needing time to relocate. There is no timeframe on the teardown of purchased properties. Fire and police will use the vacant homes for training purposes before demolition.

Kristin C. discussed the Rayhill Trail Repairs at the Highway Garage in the Town of New Hartford. Work has started on flood benches and the project is moving along.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account is $93,338.60. As quorum was not met, the discussion and approval of the treasurer's report was tabled.

As quorum was not met, the discussion and approval of the proposed 2026-27 member contributions was tabled.

Members discussed adding a note about updating member's contact information when invoices are sent out in the fall.

Member Reports

Nicole B. mentioned that Oneida County Water Pollution Control received a SEQR notification letter informing them of a site plan review for a proposed project at Steet Ponte Mazda. Oneida County Department of Public Works and the Planning Department did not receive a notification letter. There was a discussion about writing comments about the proposed project. Members agreed that the SCBIC should respond to the project as there were comments in 2017.

Other Business

Kristin C. said the Pietryka Park and Oneida Street Preliminary Design Report has been completed by Ramboll. The report will be posted on the Oneida County Planning Department's website.

Information was also given to members about the NYS EFC Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) Program. Applications are due January 29, 2027. The minimum grant amount is $1 million, and the maximum amount is $10 million. The grant may fund up to 90% of eligible project costs, with the remaining percentage being a local match. Because projects eligible for the Resilient Watershed Grant (RWG) cannot apply for GRG funding, Hanna S. will update the project list to identify which projects are eligible to apply for GRG versus RWG funding. There was discussion on elements identified in the Pietryka Park and Oneida Street study in the Villages of Yorkville and New Hartford that may be eligible for GRG funding.

Members discussed the possibility of moving the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission meetings to be back-to-back with SCBIC or overlapping the two meeting times. HOCCPP staff will send out a survey to MVSC, SCBIC, and OCWC members to determine a suitable meeting time and location for 2027.

NYS DEC Mohawk River Basin Coalition – Britt Westergard

Britt Westergard from NYS DEC spoke about the Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda and future grant opportunities. The Action Agenda will be sent out for public notice in the winter of 2026 and will be published in early 2027. There will be another release of the Small Grant Program for projects that can be tied to action-related goals from the Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda. There was a discussion about DEC hosting sessions about emergency stream intervention and what you can and cannot do in a stream after a flooding event. Sessions are currently with Soil and Water Conservation Districts, although members did express interest in this type of training. Britt W. will send information about any available events and/or the ability to host sessions in the future.

The next regular meeting date is **November 17, 2026 at 3:30pm** at the Whitestown Town Offices.