

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

5:00 pm - 6:00pm

Chairman: Mayor Gary Bassett (VoR)

Vice Chairman: Devin Rigolino (DC)

Secretary: Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP)

Treasurer: Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia (ToR)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order (*Mayor Gary Bassett*)
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination (*Mayor Gary Bassett*)
3. Approval of minutes (*Mayor Gary Bassett*)
 - a. [6/12/24](#)
4. Treasurer's report (*Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia*)
5. [Hudson 7 Source Water Protection Coordinator/Consultant Report](#) (*Rebecca Martin*)
6. Communications (*Rebecca Martin*)
 - a. Kelly VanDerVilet is the new DOH Regional Director. Eric Wiegert is now the Director Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection
 - b. Jeff M. Albert, P.E, Associate Public Health Engineer from the Ulster County Department of Health requested to be on the Hudson 7 email list. Welcome, Jeff.
 - c. The Hudson 7 took the Hudson River Watershed Alliance's (HRWA) organizational assessment. *"HRWA and River Network are currently developing a resource toolbox, and will also help us understand what priorities might be for individual consulting. We're hoping it can also serve as an internal evaluation tool for your group."*
 - d. From Drew Gamils, Riverkeeper: *"This week Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson as part of the Friends of a Clean Hudson coalition, conducted a webinar to provide the public with an update on the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site. The webinar provides background about the site and includes a review of publicly available data and a discussion about what's at stake for the river. A video of our briefing is available [here](#). A PDF of our presentation slides is also attached. In addition, we worked with our technical experts to prepare an addendum to our [November 2023 report](#). The addendum provides an extended analysis and new insights on the fish and sediment data collected since 2016."*
 - e. [DEC and DEP Announce Plan to Limit Muddy Water Releases from Ashokan Reservoir and Enhance Flood Protections for Lower Esopus Creek](#) and update on letter to DEC Commissioner from Paul Malmrose re: flooding impacts to the Hudson River by Ashokan Reservoir.
7. Public Comment (*Please keep public comments to 3-minutes per speaker*)

Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson 7 organizational structure (*Rebecca Martin*)
 - a. Memorandum: Hudson 7 organizational structure process work: 3/2023 - present and outcome and next steps

- i. Motion for Gary and Rebecca to work with Ian MacDonald on drafting Bylaws for 501c3
2. Hudson River PCB Third FYR (*Randy Alstadt and Dottie DiNobile*)
 - a. Update on June 25 CAG onboarding meeting
3. CHPE EM&CP Segment 19A/B (*Rebecca Martin*)
 - a. Update
 - i. CHPE Comments and PSC decision
 - ii. Memorandum: CHPE Environmental Management & Construction Plan (EM&CP) 19A/B
 - iii. No action required at this time

Reports of Committees

1. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 - a. Update on committee progress (*Michael Forngeng*)
 - b. NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program's 2024 Hudson River Estuary Grants for Local Stewardship Planning (Round 43) RFA
 - i. Riverkeeper application (*Shannon Roback*)
 1. Shannon: Update on application
 2. Rebecca: Letter of Support for proposed water quality monitoring project for Hudson 7 communities
 - ii. Hudson 7 application (*Rebecca Martin*)
 1. Abandoned HREP grant opportunity for Hudson 7 / coordinator due to not having a municipal sponsor to submit the grant
 - iii. Are all municipalities pre-qualified in the state system? (*Dan Shapley*)
2. Water Treatment Plant (WTP)
 - a. Update from June meeting (*Rebecca Martin*)
 - i. [Recirculated survey](#) with a welcome letter and FAQ for more participation: "Educational opportunities that are unique to the Hudson River as a drinking water source" with a deadline of August 1.
 - ii. Set up a rotating "meet up" of WTP facilities every other month in 2025 for water treatment plant operators

New Business

1. Hudson 7 draft social media policy (revised June, 2024) (*Rebecca Martin*)
 - a. Motion to appoint Rebecca Martin as "Authorized Agent"
 - b. Facebook and Instagram pages are live with comments off
 - c. YouTube channel / video all comments are off
2. Addressing old business items (see list below) (*Mayor Gary Bassett*)

Adjourn

Old Business - no action this month

CSX Bridge
 Dutchess County Fire Training Center remediation
 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
 Vessels anchoring near intakes

Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS)

Salt Front Study

Central Hudson Manufactured Gas Plant (“MGP”)

Cybersecurity

Lead Copper Rule Improvements

Hudson River Anchorages