



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021

4:30 PM

Remote meeting

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whites town)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Supervisor Christian (T. of Paris)
Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)

Kristina Markey (NYS DEC)
Celeste Friend (Utica Councilperson)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Tennille Knopp
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The March 16, 2021 minutes were approved with a motion by Supervisor Christian and a second by Rick Sherman. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Maggie Reilly provided a brief update on Project 2 near the CSX Bridge. On March 16, 2021, the Town of Whites town opened submitted bids for Project 2 and at their April meeting awarded the winning bid from CCI Company, Inc. in Canastota. The winning contractor has been working with CSX's consultant, Bergman & Associates to work on an agreement between CCI and CSX to do the jack & bore under the tracks and when construct starts to access the north side of the tracks. The first phase of construction will include the culverts under the railroad tracks then moving on to the construction of the flood bench on the south side of the tracks.

Dave reported that the VFW in Yorkville is interested in the old driving range light poles and that the Oriskany Hills Golf Course is interested in some of the excavated material to repair some of their Halloween storm 2019 damage. Maggie said she would discuss with the contractor.

Sediment and Debris Management Plan

The draft sediment and debris management plan was sent to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and voting members of the Commission for review and comments. The goal is to allow NYS DEC to provide comments back to Ramboll so they can incorporate into the Final Draft that is to be presented to the Commission and public later in May. Kristina M. said that the plan is being reviewed by the different programs in the agency and they are all working to promptly provide comments back to Ramboll.

Due to COVID, the presentation will be held both in-person and WebEx. Chairperson Glenn said the group could use the Whitestown Recreation Center, as it is large enough to allow social distancing. The group discussed the potential to do subgroups and present on more specialized and specific parts of the creek to discuss ideas more in-depth.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$92,857.09. There was a final bill for \$24,400 submitted by OBG/Ramboll for the Sediment and Debris Management Plan. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian and a second by Rick Sherman, the motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the invoice from OBG/Ramboll.

Other Business

Member Reports

Chairperson Glenn requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities. Dave reported that there was a huge tree down in the Oriskany Creek and he has contacted the State to see if NYS DOT can use equipment to get it out of the water.

Town of New Hartford: Rick reported that their engineers have submitted several grants on behalf of the Town for repair and resiliency projects and waiting for the funding agency's response. The Town has been busy with several projects ready to start this spring including sewer repairs, storm damage repairs at the Rayhill Trail near the Highway garage and the Washington Mills Athletic Park. Bids have been opened and they will be starting work soon on the Oneida Street stormwater drainage project, detention pond above Woodberry and stormwater work in the area near/on Lloyds Lane.

Whitesboro: Kyle T. said residents are getting a little anxious about the buy-out program. Maggie and Dave explained the NRCS process and that appraisals will be starting once the memorandum of understanding is signed with the Town. Once the appraisals are vetted by an independent contractor then purchase offers will be coming to residents.

City of Utica: Stephanie reported the City is working cooperatively with the Town of New Hartford on flooding projects.

The next meeting date is May 18, 2021 and will be held remotely. Kristin will send out a WebEx reminder with login information.