



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021

4:30 PM

Remote meeting

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Supervisor Christian (T. of Paris)
Supervisor Kaleta (T. of Whitestown)
Heather Mowat (City of Utica)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)
Joe Morosco (V. of Yorkville)

Sherry Hierholzer (NYS DOT)
Dave Babowicz (OC DPW)
Representative for Assemblyperson Buttenschon
Celeste Friend (Utica Councilperson)
Maggie Reilly (Ramboll)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

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

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Supervisor Kaleta and Maggie Reilly provided a brief update on Project 2 near the CSX Bridge. The Project 2 timeline changed due to the need for two easements for access to the project. These two access easements have now been secured. CSX has granted the construction access agreement along with the neighboring private property owner. With the secured agreements, bids were opened earlier today on March 16, 2021. Ramboll is reviewing the proposed bids that came in from eight companies and all seem reasonable. The Town of Whitestown anticipates signing a construction agreement for Project 2 with the winning bidder around the first week of April and anticipate a construction start date in mid-May.

Sediment and Debris Management Plan

The draft sediment and debris management plan was sent to Chairperson Glenn and Kristin for review and comment last week. The report is similar to the “Resilient NY” plans drafted for Great Lake Communities and includes recommendations on bank stabilization, detention opportunities and a management plan. Next week SCBIC voting members will be sent a final draft for review and comment. Members will have two weeks to review and provide comments on the draft document. The draft then will be sent to other interested stakeholders. A presentation will be mid-April with a hybrid approach of in person and remotely on WebEx. It could be at the Next SCBIC meeting on

April 20, 2021 or at a separate event. Celeste F. would like to have an educational meeting for her constituents and willing to assist in finding a location to hold the event.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is \$92,857.09. There were no new bills. Upon a motion by Supervisor Christian and a second by Heather Mowat, the motion passed to accept the Treasure's report.

Other Business

Member Reports

Chairperson Glenn requested members discuss any projects and concerns in their representative communities.

Whitesboro: Kyle T. stated there were observations of two trees down in the creek near the Main Street Bridge and behind Tahan's building. Chairperson Glenn said the Mayor of Whitesboro had contacted him and will be going to investigate the locations to see if further action is necessary.

City of Utica: Heather M. reported Utica is working with the Town of New Hartford on drainage and stormwater concerns. The City is excited about the two grants submitted by the Town for a floodplain restoration project in Washington Mills and the removal of the waterfall dam in Chadwicks. Both will be beneficial to Utica. Heather also told the group that the City is sitting down to talk about the drainage study that the Town had completed in the southern wards. The information will be used on futher actions to address flooding.

Yorkville: Joe M. also reported that there were reports of logs on the bank near Boulevard Trailer on the Yorkville side of the Sauquoit Creek.

The next meeting date is April 20, 2021 and will be held remotely. Kristin will send out a WebEx reminder with login information.