

<b>Meeting</b>	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, May 16, 2019 Quorum: 5:34pm Adjourn: 7:05pm
<b>Location</b>	Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility, Marist College
<b>Chairperson</b>	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
<b>Secretary</b>	Emily Svenson, Town of Hyde Park
<b>In Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Councilman Bill Carlos, ToP</li> <li>● Water Administrator, Randy Aldstadt, CoP</li> <li>● Supervisor Shannon Harris, ToE (5:50pm arrival)</li> <li>● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper</li> <li>● From the public: Doreen Tignanelli (ToP)</li> </ul>

## Regular Business

### 1. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval meeting minutes 3/21/19.

i. **Bill/Emily – carried.**

### 2. Communications and Announcements

a. Randy will look into the Water Environmental Federation (WEF) awards to potentially submit the Hudson 7 for recognition in 2020 [VIEW](#).

b. The Town of Pleasant Valley, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed New Water District will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. The action involves the creation of a water district with water supply consisting of potable water purchased from the Town of Poughkeepsie. They estimate about 100,000 gallons of water from the Hudson River per day with a peak of 200,000 per day. Bill Carlos relayed information regarding an inquiry from LaGrange, and that the airport facility and surrounding neighborhood have drinking water problems. They approached the PWTF water board

about purchasing water for the area. County is interested in development of the area (Ridgeline south of airport) where a warehouse is being considered.

- i. ACTION: The group wondered about engaging the Town of Pleasant Valley community to make them the Hudson 8?**
  - ii. ACTION: Outline all of the large users from each community.**
- c. Randy was elected as a governmental voting member for the PWTF to the Hudson River Safety, Operations, and Navigation Steering Committee
  - i. ACTION: Randy will send out summary report.**
- d. Hudson 7 and importance of protecting Hudson River acknowledged by Mayor Rolison in annual State of the City address.
  - i. ACTION: Share CSO Video by CoP.**
- e. NYS Budget included \$500 million for clean water initiatives, approved April 1.
  - i. Hudson 7 is committed to work to raise amount.
  - ii. Gary proposed that any of the Hudson 7 municipalities who applies for a grant be provided a letter of support, or whatever is deemed necessary or helpful.
    - 1. Gary/Emily. Carried.**
    - 2. Discussion: Emily asked if it were to also cover municipalities that are discharging near water intakes. The City of Kingston for example. If they were applying a grant for their CSO's can we extend support them. An amendment to the motion to include Kingston was proposed, but because some of the wastewater Kingston manages is the Town of Esopus, Kingston would count without a need to make an amendment. Emily: To support others. Emily suggested that the Hudson 7 include communities within the watershed (15 miles up and 10 miles down from intakes, TBD) on a case by case basis.

- a. **ACTION: Map communities in the watershed and track grant applications. Communicate with Kingston about providing letter of support in the future if needed.**

3. Public comment

- a. Doreen Tignanelli (ToP). In the Tighe and Bond presentation/byproducts and use of Chloramines, there is not enough discussion of the ToP's use of Chloramines. The aeration of storage tanks is positive. A decade ago, she sent a letter about aeration and a community in California and the reduction of Trihalomethanes (THM's) as a low cost approach to address the problem. She noted that her ongoing discouragement of discharges by CoP's CSO's every time it rains (1000's of gallons of sewage). The public is not aware of how often it occurs. Congratulations to the VoR and ToE for their new planting of trees on Arbor Day using natives and not only ornamental. Irony of the Hudson 7 taking a position on the Wheelabrator Ash Landfill issue, as some of the ash is ours in Dutchess county. There needs to be a discussion of closing the plant down the road. In Baltimore, they have enacted stricter emissions. Items that are voted on by Hudson 7 should be posted on website.

**Reports and Actions on Old Business**

1. Bylaws

a. **Tabled.**

- i. **ACTION: Rebecca to send final items to Gary, Emily and Jay before next meeting.**

**New Business**

1. Hudson 7 Secretary

a. Tabled

2. HR Estuary Grant

- a. Emily inquired about submitting a grant application for a part time coordinator for the Hudson 7 by 2020. Concerned that the council's

application for the Source Water Protection program may complicate a HREP application. The scope of work for a coordinator would include organizing the committee, plan educational programs, other watershed planning work. We need a municipality to be the applicant. \$50k 2 year project, \$25k per year. Part time. Take action next meeting. July 10th. Emily can write application, but can't take on the grant. ToE already applied. Requires a 15% match. Each municipality to chip in (in-kind - municipal volunteer time) \$500 over two years.

**i. ACTION: Emily and Rebecca to explore possibilities.**

### Reports and Actions on Old Business

#### 1. Hudson River Source Water Protection initiatives

##### a. Discuss/Set quarterly meeting for operators

- i. Gary wants to move forward with that. Randy has tried, but no response. Gary suggested moving the Hudson 7 meeting around to the other water treatment plants and operators. Suggest moving meeting around to select water treatment plants. 6/20 meeting to be held in Rhinebeck/Rhinecliff.

**1. ACTION: Send dates to all communities to choose (opportunity to tour facility)**

- b. NYRWA is requesting municipalities support SWAP Legislation. They state this legislation will, "The SWAP would provide municipalities with an annual SWAP allotment for local water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure." [VIEW](#)

##### c. Wheelabrator memorializing resolution

- i. The group discussed the location being outside of zone of impact for their drinking water intakes. Shannon Harris said that any negative impacts to the river impact drinking water.
- ii. Motion to adopt resolution. Read into record.

**1. Gary/Emily. Carried.**

**a. ACTION: Send signed copy of resolution to Wheelabrator coalition ASAP.**

### **Central Hudson Hydrodynamic Dye Test on the Hudson River**

- John Lipscomb called into the Hudson 7 to discuss concerns regarding the Hydrodynamic dye tests that are being scheduled in June. Riverkeeper is willing to provide experts on the science of the tests so that the council can better respond. Randy and Bill were to be the main contact for the council.

### **Adjournment**