Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, August 15, 2019 Quorum: 5:39pm Adjourn: 6:40pm
Location	Rhinebeck Water Treatment Facility
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Vice Chair	Supervisor Jay Baisley, Town of Poughkeepsie
In Attendance	● Mayor Gary Bassett, VoR ● Emily Svenson, ToHP ● Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia, ToR ● Town Board Neil Krupnick, ToHP ● Water Administrator Don Kiernan, ToE ● Town Board Bill Carlos, ToP ● Water Administrator, Randy Alstadt, City of Poughkeepsie ● Rebecca Martin, Dan Shapley and John Lipscomb of Riverkeeper ● From the public: Paul E. Malmrose, Tighe and Bond (Rhinebeck).

Regular Business

1. Call To Order at 5:39.
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.   Carlos, Alstadt, Kiernan, Krupnick, Bassett, Spinzia, Svenson. Six voting members present.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Past Adjournment
   a. 6/20/19 minutes. Due to a lack of quorum in June and July, the council voted in August to pass June minutes.
      i. **Motion: Bill/Elizabeth. Passes with one abstention (ES)**
   b. 7/18/19 minutes. Due to a lack of quorum in July, the council voted in August to pass July minutes.
      i. **Motion: Bill/Randy. Passes with one abstention (ES)**
   c. 7/18/19 adjournment. Due to a lack of quorum in July, the council voted in August to pass July adjournment.
      i. **Motion: Randy/Gary. Passes unanimously.**
4. Communications and Announcements

5. Public Comment
    a. Paul Malmose of Tighe and Bond said that he had concerns about the Central Hudson study and the work going past the intake.
    b. Gary Bassett thanked Paul for his help with the VoR Drinking Water supply recently. Hudson 7 was used as a part of its data for analysis and design.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Bylaws and policy document
    a. The council discussed non-members and that the number of appointments may change in the future.
        i. **MOTION: Acceptance of the Hudson 7 Bylaws. Elizabeth/Randy. Passes unanimously.**
2. Hudson River Source Water Protection initiatives
    a. Hudson River Hydrodynamic Modeling Memo (5 min)
        i. Central Hudson and the Department of Health will be guests at an upcoming Poughkeepsie' Water Treatment Facility (PWTF) meeting that will be held at the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Hall on September 3rd at 4:30pm. The PWTF is going to request that the DEC stop dredging. To remove contaminants, they will use a sheen barrier and a moon pool. To assure an environmentally sound dredge, when clam shelf closes, nothing goes into the river. The work site spans seven acres and is so large, they'll be moving every day (or every other day) working through only a 40x60 hole. The PWTF board was asked if they could shut down for 3-5 hours while they move the moon pool around. Randy's opinion was that it could shut down once for that amount of time, but not every time the moon pool was to move. John Lipscomb asked if they will cap the top of the moon pool when finished dredging. Bill and Randy said that they'll use sacrificial fill at the end of the day and then dig it out the following day. They did not have information about what will occur when they move the moon pool. Randy presented a draft letter to the Hudson 7 for the council to consider sending one of their own to the Division of Environmental Remediation prior to dredging that is to begin in October. The CoP's letter went out on 8/5.

1. **MOTION: Accept letter by Randy to send out by Monday 8/19. Elizabeth/Emily. Passes unanimously.**
2. **ACTION: Rebecca to collect input and changes to send out Hudson 7 letter.**

b. Town of Esopus Letter of Support Request: Park Surveys and Engineering
   i. The Hudson 7 was asked to provide a letter of support to the Town of Esopus for a Park Survey / Engineering study. Riverkeeper participated in permitting design, but it was not a blanket endorsement. The council decided that the work studied how structures (wall) may ruin habitat, etc., but it doesn't address water quality.
      1. **MOTION: The grant application was outside of the scope of the Hudson 7 Council's mission. Elizabeth/Emily. Passes unanimously.**
      2. **ACTION: Gary Bassett will reach out to Town Supervisor Shannon Harris to discuss.**

c. GUEST: John Lipscomb of Riverkeeper re: A discussion on the possibility of hosting the Coast Guard (CG) at a near future meeting to revisit the conversation of a spill drill on the upper Hudson River.
   i. Riverkeeper has had conversations over many years with the Coast Guard and EPA Region 2 regarding the broad subject of spill prevention and recovery. The CG has an area contingency plan for the Hudson that is a five year doc / template as to how a spill would be responded to. The old one includes a worst case scenario in NY Harbor. They chose that location, while John chose upriver. Emily Svenson asked what made Kingston the location as worst case scenario? John said for it having such a ric freshwater habitat. Back then, the Hudson as a drinking water source was not well known or considered. For that reason, there is a new opportunity.
      1. **ACTION: John to shared worst case scenario of collision of Bakken oil barge and forum ship #6 (losing 7.2 million gallons of petroleum).**
   ii. John wanted to bring something new to the table by introducing the Hudson 7 and the Hudson River as its primary drinking water source. It creates a new appreciation of the river. At the last meeting John attended, the Coast Guard Commander of the

Harbor of New York was present. John spoke of the Hudson 7 and the room paid close attention. The commander expressed an interest in wanting to meet with the council. John suggested that the group take the first simple step by writing a letter to invite them to an upcoming meeting.

iii. The council asked what 'recovery' would look like for a spill. John said that recovery is a problem and that the only solution is to prevent an accident.

iv. Randy mentioned presentations that were given the last time the Coast Guard met with the DEC and Riverkeeper during the anchorages issue.

1. **MOTION: Draft a letter to send to Coast Guard. Bill/Elizbeth. passes unanimously.**

   a. **ACTION: Draft letter and site the reserve and lack of reserve of drinking water of communities in the Hudson 7. How much time does each community have once the intake is shut down? Ask for a meeting to begin a workshop on spill prevention ideas. Discuss recovery. In preparation, the municipalities can provide a simple assessment of each community "Plan B" as part of the invite. Posture should be; we have these reserves, we have these risks. Who's going to pay for "Plan B"? At the first meeting, there would only be 2-3 Coast Guard representatives. The ones that come are not 'answer' people. Look at them as the messengers who carry the council's message. Begin a discussion that is long term, anything to prevent spills and recovery. Request a second meeting.**

   b. **ACTION: Randy to to send around the presentations re: Bakken and Anchorages.**

   c. **ACTION: Paul from Tighe and Bond said that he has data on municipalities water storage tanks that he will send to Randy.**

   d. **ACTION: Hudson 7 municipalities to send consumption, reserve, how many hours before**

going dry and whether or not they have a secondary source. T/CoP. Draft of info to send to Riverkeeper by midweek. wrapped up by next meeting.

1. Water Infrastructure
    a. Mayor Rolison will discuss the CoP / Veolia at the October 17th Hudson 7 meeting.
2. Funding
    a. HREP Grant Application: Strategic Plan
        i. Outcome: The grant was rejected, not on subject. There was an issue with transmission of the grant. The council can try again now that it has the grant text.
        ii. The council thanked Emily for her hard work in creating the grant application.

New Business

1. FDR High School (Hyde Park): AP Environmental Science Project w/ Hudson 7 (ES)
    a. Randy at the PWTF is happy to discuss. Emily said that she would put the teacher in touch with Randy and Dan.
2. Hudson 7 Council Meetings
    a. Confirm potential meeting locations at 10/17 (DCWWA) and 11/21 (Town of Lloyd)

Adjournment.
MOTION: To adjourn at 6:40pm. Bill/Randy. So moved.