

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Thursday, March 16, 2023

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Chairman: Mayor Gary Bassett (VoR)

Vice Chairman: Supervisor Jay Baisley. (ToP)

Secretary: Shannon Harris (ToE)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination
3. Minutes:
 - a. 2/16/23
4. Communications
 - a. The Highlands Current: [Ryan Calls on CSX to Improve Safety](#) *“Bassett, the mayor of Rhinebeck who heads a group of seven municipalities in Dutchess and Ulster counties (not including Beacon) that take their drinking water from the river, said the group notified CSX in 2021 of its concern about potential bridge failures that might lead to spills into the Hudson.”*
 - b. Daily Freeman: [Rhinebeck village mayor says CSX won’t listen without federal pressure](#) *“Village Mayor Gary Bassett contends CSX railroad officials need to be given regulations that address frequent infrastructure problems that could easily unfold into a cascading series of problems that dwarf already catastrophic incidents.”*
 - c. Daily Freeman: [Mid-Hudson town supervisors seek protections from potential train threats](#) *“Tracks on the Dutchess County side are largely known for carrying passenger rail cars but there are also chemical and hazardous solid waste trips, which troubles Rhinebeck town Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia because her community relies on the Hudson River for drinking water.”*
 - d. Class C Streams: protections included in the senate budget.
5. County representative update
 - a. Dutchess
 - b. Ulster
6. Public Comment

Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson 7 Priorities
 - a. Hudson 7 coordinator position
 - i. LOI: Next steps/communication to hire Mackey Butts & Whalen, LLP
2. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues
 - a. Proposed transmission lines
 - i. Communication to TDI re: TDI’s Sediment and Water Quality report
 - ii. Next steps on Town of Esopus Scope of Work with Tighe & Bond
 - iii. Next steps on EM&CP (by August, 2023)
 - b. Esopus Creek
 - i. Update on proposed modified IRP process
 - ii. ARWG update
 1. Delaware Aqueduct shutdown on 10/1

2. Next ARWG meeting on 6/9
- c. CSX Bridge
 - i. [Sign On Letter \(3/12 deadline\)](#): Hudson 7 signed on to the NRDC letter urging Secretary Buttigieg and the U.S. Department of Transportation to ban LNG by rail.
- d. Cybersecurity
 - i. [EPA resources for cybersecurity for the water sector: Assessments to be included in sanitary surveys](#)

Actions on New Business

1. [PFOA: EPA new standards of 4 ppt](#)

Adjourn

Old Business - no action this month

1. Municipal code review (ES)
2. Dutchess County Fire Training Center remediation
3. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
4. Vessels anchoring near intakes
5. PCBs
6. Cybersecurity (PM)
7. Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS)
8. Salt Front (PM)
9. Central Hudson MGP cleanup
10. Lower Hudson CAG / PCB 5YR