

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Chairman: Mayor Gary Bassett (VoR)

Vice Chairman: Supervisor Jay Baisley. (ToP)

Secretary: Neil Krupnick (ToHP)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination
3. Minutes
 - a. Approval of 3/18/21 meeting minutes
 - b. Amended minutes of 2/18/21 were reposted on website
4. Communications
 - a. Stuart Findlay, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies: Request for letter of support from Hudson 7 re: blue-green algae sensors to HRECOS.
 - b. Daily Freeman: [Town of Esopus wants state to determine range of muddy water in Hudson River](#)
 - c. The River: [Mud in the Water: The Fight Over Turbidity in Esopus Creek](#) w/ Paul Malmrose quote
 - d. Hudson 7 approves Emily Svenson to apply to the HREMAC committee on its behalf
 - e. From John Lipscomb: Kristin Poling anchored off Port Ewen overnight - 1800 on 3/1/2021 until 0615 on 3/2/2021
 - f. From John Lipscomb: NY-NJ ACP - revised 2016 - "Worst Case Discharge Scenario"
 - g. 2021 Moorings letter from Randy Alstadt to upriver municipalities
5. Public Comment

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues
 - a. Discussion and/or Decision items
 - i. Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE)
 1. TDI communication: Intake maps, 130 samples in the Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers for sediment testing w/ a stratified sampling program based on salinity, sediment type and deposition.
 2. Form committee to include two voting members of Hudson 7
 - a. Suggestion: Bassett, Carlos, Svenson, Alstadt, Malmrose, Shapley
 - ii. Esopus Creek turbid discharges
 1. Hudson 7 Esopus Creek Committee met at 2:30pm on 4/15/21
 2. Talking points: Impacts of the Ashokan releases and Hudson 7 drinking water intakes
 3. FOIL on turbidity and solids from DEP
 - a. Can county executives help to get that info?
 4. Memorializing Resolution

- a. ToE passed memorializing resolution (MR) on 4/1/21
 - b. Hudson 7 approval for MR?
 - 5. Hudson 7 comments for 6/16
 - i. Risk and Resilience Assessments for community water systems, due June 30
 - 1. Coordination on “proximity threats” (e.g., chemical spill, gas line explosion, etc.) that may affect all intakes; and/or other aspects
 - b. Updates on ongoing issues
 - i. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 - 1. Gary Bassett confirms interest in the program before 3/31
 - ii. Central Hudson MGP remediation
 - 1. Poughkeepsie NWS (C314070) Hydraulic Dredging Pilot Test
 - a. Draft report submitted to DEC and suggests hydraulic dredging is not implementable on a scale and time frame that is acceptable.
 - iii. Municipal code review
 - iv. Dutchess County Fire Training Center remediation
 - v. Spill prevention and response
 - vi. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
 - 1. \$48 M state investments [announced](#) April 8, no Hudson 7 projects
 - vii. Vessels anchoring near intakes
 - viii. PCB’s
 - 1. Response to EPA re: pathways for further clean-up
2. Organizational Items
 - a. Preparing for May 31 annual reorganization meeting
 - i. Establish a committee to make recommendations?
 - 1. Hudson 7 Milestones and Priorities, [2020](#) and 2021
 - a. Role of Water Operators (*educational series*)
 - 2. Succession planning
 - 3. Clarity of roles: Advisors and non-voting members
 - b. Coordination
 - i. HREP Grant Application due June 2 (VoR as sponsor?)
 - ii. Alternate funding options

New Business

- 1. Salt-front in light of climate change
 - a. Future powerpoint presentation?
- 2. Cybersecurity in light of hackers who tried to Poison Water Supply of Florida Town