

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Wednesday, April 21, 2022 Quorum: 5:30pm Adjourn: 6:20pm
Location	Remote
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Vice Chair	Supervisor Jay Baisley, Town of Poughkeepsie
Secretary	Shannon Harris, Town of Esopus
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gary Bassett, Mayor (VoR) ● Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator (CoP) ● Lynn Ruggiero, Town Board (ToHP) ● Shannon Harris, (ToE) ● Paul Malmrose, Technical Advisor (Engineering) ● Emily Svenson, Technical Advisor (Land Use) ● Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Representative ● Europa McGovern, Ulster County Representative ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (Coordinator) ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● Grant Jiang, Department of Health ● Michael Forgang (“forging”), Department of Health

Regular Business

1. Call To Order: 5:32pm
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. **Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP), Shannon Harris (ToE), Randy Alstadt (CoP) four voting members. Quorum**
3. Approval of minutes and adjournment
 - a. **Motion to approve 3/17/22 Bassett/Alstadt Minutes as Amended Motion approved**
 - i. One correction: “...still waiting on Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority”
4. Communications listed in the agenda
 - a. Jessica Kath, Division of Water at DEC regarding this year's upcoming Water Quality Monitoring Kickoff Meeting (5/3) to discuss local water sampling needs in the Lower Hudson, Black River, and

Chemung River Watersheds, and am in the process of updating contact information.

- i. Dan Shapley and Paul Malmrose had looked at which creeks/streams that feed into the Hudson that haven't been formerly assessed by the DEC. The Hudson 7 could request that they are assessed. Dan will send a draft communication to the rest of the council. Shannon Harris asked to see the waterbody's for the Town of Esopus. Brad Barclay asked if Grant Jiang could double up on this, as the stream would be in the watershed for the DWSP2 plan (in the Hudson 7 watershed). Grant said he could try to put in a request but isn't clear on the DEC chain of command.

1. Authorize Dan/Paul to draft a letter to the DEC after the council has a chance to review it. **Bassett/Ruggiero**

Motion approved.

- b. Lou Sebesta: Resolution on Dunn Dump PFAS/PFOA Contamination of the Hudson River.
5. County representative report
- a. Ulster County
 - i. Providing an update on the coordinator position
 - ii. Working on the NRI and developing an outline of the map layers and data sources.
 - iii. Upcoming Water Quality coordinating meeting with a presentation on PFOS by Anthony Luisi, NYSDEC remediation.
 - b. Dutchess County
 - i. Mostly interested in discussing the new coordinator position.
 - ii. Looking to combine the NRI work with Ulster County through the DWSP2 process. Gary will send the ToR's NRI to Devin.
6. Public Comment
- a. Introduction: Eric Weigert, Regional Environmental Health Director for the Metro Region office of the NYSDOH

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson 7 Priorities for 2021-2022
 - a. Hudson 7 coordinator position
 - i. BB: Responding to the Hudson 7 request to meet. Dutchess County Molinaro would like for the county to offer to retain any legal assistance to amend the IMA or incorporation. The county

is willing to make a 3-year commitment at \$25k per year. Ulster County is willing to match that, and is also willing to have the moment flow through Dutchess County at the start or work out a joint-contract so that we can proceed.

- ii. EM: Agreed, and we will be exploring contracting with Dutchess county directly to contract with the Hudson 7 so to communicate with one external contact.
- iii. ES: Will we hire a contractor or employee and who will be the employer? GB: The details will be worked out with the lawyer. **Goal to have this completed by the start of the third quarter (July).** BB: Concerned with Civil Service for the council in the way of timeframe.

1. Motion for the council to authorize the committee to work with the legal team Bassett/Alstadt Motion approved

- b. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 - i. GJ: Spoke about organizing a subcommittee meeting in early April when we hoped to discuss the survey results and what the Hudson 7 would like their plan to look like. The meeting was delayed, so Grant will organize another time in early May. BB asked for a deadline for a response.
2. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues
- a. Proposed transmission lines
 - i. Hudson 7 CHPE Committee updates
 - 1. ES: We met at the end of March. TDI reviewed the Hudson 7's requests for the monitoring and testing protocol, and marked up the things they agreed with and things to discuss further. They are not planning to do the full installation until summer 2024 so it provides time to work out details. They are taking the list back to discuss further. It will be an iterative process. Emily had a call with Kelly Turturro and Heather Gierloff from the DEC who are interested in helping us out as well. They had concerns about moving more quickly to get the Hudson 7's requests implemented into the EM&CP. Emily will follow-up. Anyone who wants to be a part of the subgroup, reach out to Emily.

2. PM: TDI to provide drinking water to each town as they come down the river in case there is a problem so there is water for people to drink and hospitals to have water. Paul asked for support from municipalities to understand their needs. DS: There are no emergency plans in place for communities, so this might help to move this along to fill those gaps.
3. RM: Clean Path NY will also be going through the river in the Newburgh area. Their path isn't yet permitted.
4. ES: Emergency response factor into DWSP2 plan? GJ: Yes and no. It could be effective, but not explicitly needed. In the case of the Hudson 7 where the Hudson River is your water source, it's not feasible for a back-up use.

b. Esopus Creek Committee updates

- i. PM: Attended the ARWG meeting on March 18. Surprised how unprofessional DEP is in running these meetings. They treat the people terribly. The minutes were sent out an hour before the meeting started. Although Paul was making a presentation, he was given the last 10 minutes and could only speak about impacts to the Hudson 7, and not other issues. Paul mentioned there could be a risk of a major flood if the reservoir is full during hurricane season which is what they are proposing when they shut down the Delaware Aqueduct this fall. They sent Paul the final EIS which stated that a flood could happen when the reservoir was full in September. The flood protection doesn't impact the Hudson 7, except when you have a flood you have high turbidity.
- ii. SH: About the flooding, all of our water treatment plants are on the water. In a flood plain that has been flooded before and shifted plants by an inch during one of the hurricanes and was compromised, it could possibly affect us. Perhaps this question could be workshopped.
- iii. PM: The communities downstream the reservoir such as Kingston, Ulster, Saugerties would be all affected.

c. Salt Front Testimony

- i. PM: many people have considered the Hudson rising, but not the salt front. In the 1960's the salt front went up to Kingston

during the drought of record. Jeremy Cherson from Riverkeeper has been helping Paul on the funding front. Met with DEC and DOH on April 8 to discuss the study and funding. Many senior people attended this meeting. Investigating funding from the Environmental Project Fund and an agreement with USGS to do modeling (they did so on the Delaware River). They are predicting the salt front will go up 28 miles. Paul heard from John Callerhan from the Hudson River/Black River regulating district who operates two large reservoirs. They could release water in drought periods to try to keep the salt front down. Union Times wrote an article about this and Paul was also featured on the Green Hour with Jon Bowermaster. Next meeting in May.

d. Cyber security

- i. PM: It's not if but when this will occur. Easiest way to get into a system is through emails. Everyone must make sure that their employees and water treatment plants practice good security. Paul put together a letter to get the Hudson 7's approval before sharing. GB: Gary has already shared the letter with his staff. ES: If we're sending as a Hudson 7 communication, it should be approved by the board. GB: Make sure it's clear it's from the Hudson 7. Paul will send out his letter to water operators.

Adjournment: 6:20pm

Bassett/Ruggiero Motion approved