

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Wednesday, May 19, 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) ● Nick Butler (ToE) ● Russ Gilmore (ToL) ● 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

Regular Business

1. Call To Order: 5:30pm
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. **Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP), Russ Gilmore (ToL), Nick Butler (ToE), Shannon Harris (ToE), Randy Alstadt (CoP) six voting members. Quorum**
3. Approval of minutes and adjournment
 - a. **Motion to approve 4/21/22 Bassett/Ruggiero Motion approved**
4. Communications listed in the agenda
 - a. Paul Malmrose is being celebrated by the Hudson River Watershed Alliance on June 8 during their “Toast to the Tribs” events. It’s a fundraiser with tickets still available.
 - b. Paul Malmrose on Jon Bowermaster’s Green Hour to discuss the Salt Front. CHPE was discussed.

- c. Times Union did an article on the Salt Front.
 - d. Ulster County Water Quality meeting details were sent along by Europa McGovern
 - e. Michael J. Keating is the new Executive Director of the Dutchess County Water Wastewater Authority (DCWWA)
 - f. Central Hudson submitted its draft focus remedial analysis with DEC's response to the Hudson 7
5. County representative report
- a. Ulster County
 - i. Defer to Brad Barclay on the Hudson 7 coordinator position.
 - b. Dutchess County
 - i. Trying to set up a meeting with the County attorney to discuss the Hudson 7's IMA/MOA. The County's need to be added as members (as non-voting members). GB said we could review Bylaws. RA ToP and ToR are users but aren't actually taking water from the river. The county is taking water from the CoP down to Dutchess county and through Hyde Park. BB: With the water authority taking over the Hyde Park system, it operates as a county water district now and not as a municipal system. All solvable situations. Suggests a dialogue with the new Executive Director of DCWWA. GB thought that the DCWWA was not part of Dutchess County Government? BB: That is true, it's an authority. Owned as county districts with a service agreement through the legislature. RA: PWTF has an office and a computer for the coordinator. DS: Brad is suggesting to amend the Bylaws to include the county's? BB: They will need to be readopted by municipal resolution. RM: Dutchess and Ulster County are already included as non-voting members. PM: What is the mechanism between Hyde Park and the DCWWA? ES: Suggests if we need better communication, we should go to the ED. Not sure the operator is the best person at the WWA. GB will reach out to the new ED.
6. Public Comment
- a. None

Reports and Actions on Old Business

- 1. Hudson 7 Priorities for 2021-2022
 - a. Hudson 7 coordinator position

- i. GB: The Hudson 7's goal is to hire a coordinator by July 1. A letter was sent to both county executives to thank them. The Hudson 7 hiring committee is organizing a meeting for next steps.
 - b. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 - i. GJ: A DWSP2 meeting occurred recently and is currently in the process of working on formulating goals and visions based on the Hudson 7's goals and priorities that are feasible. The committee is working on potential contaminant sources for the Hudson 7 and will be in communication as they are further along. BB: Grant has been in touch with Devan who does the County's GIS. They have some of the mapping. GJ: They've been in touch with Devin alot, regarding Red Hook. They will continue to outreach to him re: mapping and water resources. Soon, they'll outreach to Ulster County to do the same. GB: VoR mapping has been shared with Devin.
- 2. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues
 - a. Central Hudson: Eric Chastain was not able to make it this evening to give an update on the MGP clean-up.
 - i. PM: Reviewed some of Central Hudson's materials. They recommend capping material with a modified natural recovery and biological activities to consume the pollutants. They also say any of the things they try don't work. They included Hudson 7 in their evaluations and the PWTF several times. DEC is saying that they must do more evaluation. They didn't reject the alternative, they just wanted more information. Pushing coffer dams which is one of the most expensive alternatives with a long timeline (14 years) BB: Has CenHud been working there? He noticed a black sheen near the walkway. RA: Not working there, the river tends to burp. DS: We've seen and got alot of reports about sheens bubbling up (for decades) and happening at low tide as well as appearance at the Fallkill Creek looking like something suspicious is coming out, but it's clear water hitting the Hudson River's turbid water. Dan will dig out a photo to share with Brad to see if it matches with what he had seen. We need to take the approach if we see something, say something and report to the DEC. PM: When it bubbles up, it can come out of the cap.

- b. Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS)
 - i. DS: We got the Hudson 7 letter in that identified stream segments that come down to the Hudson that haven't been assessed by the DEC, or is old data, or not considering the Hudson River as a drinking water source. DEC got the letter, is considering it closely and what sort of special project they might be able to do to meet the concerns expressed in the letter. They would come to a future meeting to discuss with the whole Hudson 7. PM: The Rondout Creek is unassessed, and that is one of our major sources of water.
- c. Proposed transmission lines
 - i. Hudson 7 CHPE Committee updates
 - 1. We formed a working group and are making progress. Emily needs to step down from leadership. Gary said he was willing to take the reins for a while. Hudson 7 and TDI are working through a plan for testing and monitoring that the Hudson 7 proposed. More details to be worked out. Offer of help from the DEC, but we need to keep the momentum going. GB: Had an opportunity to meet with DEC's Seggios and Turturro who have offered to help the Hudson 7 out. PM: One of the things that Emily added was DEC wanting TDI to do their pilot testing this fall, 12 months before they finish their EM&CP. ES: TDI has to submit their draft a year before their EM&CP. Can't do it in the summer. The DEC thought that the Hudson 7 should advocate for testing this fall to influence the draft that comes out in Summer, 2023. They can't test in the summer due to Sturgeon. PM submitted a Proposed Testing & Monitoring Protocols to Prepare for Cable Installation in the Hudson River near Drinking Water Intakes, Hudson 7 Communication Plan for CHPE Construction and Hudson 7 Pre-positioning Potable Drinking Water. BB: Emergency response at the County's facility has a communication system but also has contacts with pretty much everyone. GB: Up to the municipalities to define their water sources. PM: Excellent idea to do that with Dutchess and Ulster Counties. PM: Potable water is only

to drink. There is a lot of planning not only with TDI but with the municipalities, too.

- d. Esopus Creek Committee updates
 - i. PM: ARWG meets with the DEC/DEP on June 10 or June 17. This December, the Delaware Aqueduct will be shut down. The Ashokan Reservoir will be under stress. They won't be throwing high turbidites to the city. We have to be concerned about that. Ashokan will be at 100% in September. If there is a tropical storm, we'll have a major flood. Not a concern to the Hudson 7, but it should be because every time you have a flood you have lousy water going into the creek and the Hudson River. GB: Major concern because that's hurricane season. PM: Not according to the DEP. BB: I had heard (East of Hudson committee for DEP) that if they close this, be prepared for the Croton to be way down. They are expecting to be running tight on water.
- e. Salt Front Testimony
 - i. PM: There was a Salt Front meeting led by Paul. He will provide an update later.
- f. Cyber security
 - i. PM: Paul sent out a Cyber Security memo.

Adjournment: 6:20pm

Bassett/Gilmore Motion approved