

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, August 18, 2022 Quorum: 5:30pm Adjourn:
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) ● Nick Butler (ToE) ● Randy Alstadt (CoP) ● Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP) ● Russell Gilmore (ToL) ● Elizabeth Spinzia (ToP) ● Danielle Freer (ToE) ● Shannon Harris (ToE) ● Mike Warner (ToE) ● Mike Donner (ToE) ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (Coordinator) ● Paul Malmrose, Technical Advisor (Engineering) ● Emily Svenson, Technical Advisor (Land Use) ● Jennifer White, TDI ● Will Davie, TDI

Regular Business

1. Call To Order: 5:30pm
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. **Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Nick Butler (ToE), Randy Alstadt (CoP), Elizabeth Spinzia (ToR), Russell Gilmore (ToL), Shannon Harris (ToE), Danielle Freer (ToE), Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP). Quorum**
3. Video Conferencing resolution public hearing
 - a. **Gary Bassett motion for discussion. Lynn Ruggiero second.**
 - i. **No public comment.**
 - b. **Gary Bassett motion to close public hearing. Russell Gilmore second**

1. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues

a. Proposed transmission lines

i. Hudson 7 CHPE Committee update: TDI sampling process

1. **WD:** Mention of TDI Barge in the River, Hudson Barge sending divers down to identify existing infrastructure. Demobilized recently and will progress up to Lake Champlain to do plow trials. Jet plow at Chelsea with Normandeau to do sampling and simulate a drinking water intake. Water sampling at the pumping point as well. **PM:** Sean sent the revised protocol but sent in a PDF. Could use it in a word document. **RM:** Hudson 7 and TDI have been meeting weekly to organize the sampling process. **JW:** Has outreached to all the municipalities to organize a presentation. **GB:** Asked for a one-sheet for the project. Overview of TDI and CHPE for distribution.

2. Hudson 7 Priorities

a. Hudson 7 coordinator position

i. Update on MOU

1. **GB:** Dutchess County prepared an MOU to amend our bylaws to include Dutchess as a voting member, County of Ulster as a non-voting member and payment schedule for each one of the municipalities. **GB: Discuss MOU**

ES: Second

- a. **ES:** Against DC as a voting member, not necessary since most of their funds come from our taxes. We are able to represent the public in the watershed. Why is the county insisting on a unanimous vote? Our council has always run on majority rules. Can you clarify where we are with the payment schedule? **GB:** Spoke to the legal counsel at Dutchess County, they agreed to the majority rule. We can't represent the individual municipalities to approve their portion of the MOU. Our goal is for each municipality to review and vote on the MOU by the end of September. The counties need 30 days notice before putting it in front of the legislature. **ES:** Request the agreement is

bifurcated. Support funding but not the county as a voting member. Sharing displeasure with the counsel of Dutchess County that the Town of Rhinebeck go first. GB: ToR going first, told them that our schedules don't align with that. The meetings will be held as scheduled. We can't control who goes first. Arguments could be adjusted. ES: We won't go first. Fee schedule? GB: Reached out to everyone. DC and UC are each contributing \$25k per year for three years totaling \$150k. Hudson 7 municipalities contribute a total of \$25k per year over three years totaling \$75k. ES: Are large municipalities paying \$5k and smaller municipalities paying \$2500? GB: Yes. ES: Unless this is bifurcated how can I support it and still not support DC as a voting member. GB: Up to council to bifurcate or not. PM: Would it be acceptable if DCWWA was a voting member? I'd like to see them more active in this group since they run the Hyde Park plant. ES: Yes, but they are not DC. LR: I met with the director of wastewater, and he doesn't want to be involved. It doesn't want to be involved in the environmental or political parts of Hudson 7. But we are meeting regularly. BB: The county is just looking to be a member, one vote out of eight. The water authority is not giving the Hudson 7 \$25k per year, the county is. GB: Danielle brought up making sure the discussions with Ulster County is that they do not want to be a voting member. BB: Our county attorney's are talking back and forth, and Ulster County does not want to be a member. DF: I want to understand why Ulster County doesn't want to be a voting member. BB: I would rather have them speak to that directly. In the discussions we had with them, they were willing to give the \$25k to DC to have them represent them. DF: Odd that one county wants to be a voting

member, and the other does not. GB: I will get you that contact information.

- i. Accept the MOA as presented. Bassett, Gilmore, Ruggiero, Alstadt, Butler. Opposed Spinzia. Motion is carried to send out to municipalities as written. Goal to have completed by the end of September to get the legislators to approve.

b. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program

- i. Hudson 7 DWSP2 Focus Area Map & Discussion

1. GJ: Mike and Grant have been busy with HABS, but are working on the maps and looking to put a meeting on the books. RM: Will work with Grant to schedule the meeting offline. GJ: Competitive grant applications close in mid-September. Get them in if you wish. Hudson 7 will get bonus points on WQIP projects for being a part of DWSP2

c. Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS) follow-up

- i. Response from Alexander Smith, NYSDEC. Based on the Hudson 7's input, they have decided to include all of the WI/PWL segments recommended by the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council ("recommended WI/PWL segments") in our monitoring this year. This means NYSDEC will sample these waters once this year with results anticipated to be publicly available early in 2023. The need for additional sampling will be determined after reviewing the results from 2022.

d. Esopus Creek Committee updates

- i. Response from Bill Richardson to Paul Malmrose questions. Paul has not heard from DEC. When they shut down the Delaware aqueduct, they'll have the Ashokan Reservoir at 100% full. No storage in the reservoir could cause flooding. Paul has contacted the Town and Village of Saugerties Mayor and Supervisor. Raw sewage, oil and gas could get into the lines and impact all the water sources. Data currently used is 1927-2017 when there were 26 hurricanes that hit this area. In the last 10 years alone, however, there have been 9. **BB:**

Reservoir right now is really low. **PM:** We're supposed to have more hurricanes this year than in previous years.

Reports and Actions on New Business

1. Hudson a 7 officers appointments tabled.
 - a. **GB:** In our current bylaws, we put in term limits for officers in the Hudson 7. Tabled it last month to wait for a larger quorum. **ES:** We'd have to change our bylaws. Are any of the members interested in leadership? **GB:** Happy to continue. **LR:** Gary is doing a great job.
 - i. **ES: Motion to revise our bylaws (LR). Motion carried**
 1. **ES:** In the bylaws, you need to give the members 30 days notice of the proposed change and when you'll be voting on it. If you decide tonight and vote next month, that's fine. Requires a majority of all the voting members.
 2. Remove the term limit from the Bylaws.
2. Hybrid meetings
 - a. **RM:** Town of Poughkeepsie has offered their space. **ES:** Did the Governor extend remote meetings? **GB:** Yes, until September 12.
 - b. **NB:** Asked about the Salt front. **RA:** Our sodium is up to about 30 MG per liter now. Gradually increasing the last few weeks. **GB:** Where is that on the scale? **RA:** I've seen it go over a hundred. The state doesn't require you to notify 20 MG per liter, though we notify in the WQ report. Usually, it runs from 15-25 in the raw water. **PM:** Salt Front meeting on 9/28. Next ARWG on 9/9.

Adjournment: 6:35pm Bassett/Spinzia