

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, September 15, 2022 Quorum: 5:30pm Adjourn: 6:00pm
Location	Hybrid
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 (CoP) ● Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP) ● Bill Carlos (ToP) ● Danielle Freer (ToE) ● Russell Gilmore (ToL) ● Danielle Freer (ToE) ● Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Planning ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (Coordinator) ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● Michael Forgang, Department of Health ● Grant Jiang, Department of Health

Regular Business

1. Call To Order: 5:30pm
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. **Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Danielle Freer (ToE), Randy Alstadt (CoP), Bill Carlos (ToP), Russell Gilmore (ToL), Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP). Quorum (4 in-person/3 remote)**
3. Approval of minutes and adjournment
 - a. **Motion to approve 8/18/22 minutes. Bill Carlos second. Motion carried**
4. Communications listed in the agenda
 - a. David Rylance, Port Ewen: Utility use of Hudson River should not be allowed. *“We have seen the damage to the Hudson River for centuries caused by industrial use of the river to dispose of waste materials. Those wastes are coming back to haunt us after years of being allowed to lie on the river bottom and be covered up with silt. “*

- b. Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Testing/Investigation Lower Hudson River
 - i. Dan Shapley explained this is the EPA's agreement with GE for how they will test the stretch the river from Troy to NYC and protocols EPA is requiring which could be relevant for the Hudson 7 because of the testing that TDI just did with Hudson 7 as to what's in the sediment.
 - c. Mahicantuck Water Protectors, Lee Gough, Connelly, NY. Questions raised: 1) TDI outreach throughout Hudson 7 municipalities: *"Will their planned free "informational"/marketing meetings TDI include input from ecologists and voices of concerned disadvantaged community members (including those in Canada where the hydro-dams are located) and local legislators; 2) How will the CHPE project be impacted by yesterday's (9/13/22) announcement that the EPA has reached a settlement with GE to study PCBs in the River, as PCBs are still very much a problem, and will be more so upon jet-plowing; 3) How is the Hudson 7 responding to Holtec's "Indian Point 2LLC SPDES Permit NY 0250414" permit application regarding the dumping of irradiated water from Indian Point into the River that flows all ways?"*
 - d. Public Outreach, Education and Engagement re Hudson 7, Diane Dintruff. *"...it is important to engage entire communities with the Hudson 7's mission and global water concerns. I've met people who don't even realize that Hudson River water is used for drinking"*
5. County representative update
- a. Dutchess. Pleased to hear the update on where the municipalities are with the MOU. RG: The Town of Lloyd approved the \$2,500 MOU agreement.
 - b. Ulster, not present.
6. Public Comment.
- a. None.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

- 1. Hudson 7 Priorities
 - a. Hudson 7 coordinator position
 - i. Update on MOU

1. Gary said that 6 of the 7 municipalities have signed. Some are waiting to sign the MOU once all six have signed. LR: Town of Hyde Park will vote next Monday. Gary acknowledges and gives thanks to all municipalities addressing the issue so quickly. It reminds him that back in 2018, how quickly we came together as an organization to address the issues on the Hudson River.
 - ii. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 1. GJ: Working on the revised maps and hope to have them to the Hudson 7 soon. We'll try to get them to you by the next meeting. GB: When are we meeting next? GJ: We'll get the maps first and then set up another meeting. There are some proposed revisions. GB: What changes? GJ: Big thing, we had been going off of the USGS "National Watershed Boundary" data set. There, it had the Esopus (stated Rondout) divided into two basins (upper/lower). As they are both in Ulster County, we are making them into a single watershed and which of those are a concern to the Hudson 7 at this time.
 - b. Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS) follow-up
 - i. RM: Left this on from last month because Dan Shapley was not able to respond to this item last month. DS: Nothing to share. GB: We'll move this item to "old business, no action" for next month.
2. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues
 - a. Champlain Hudson Power Express
 - i. Update on TDI sampling process on 9/9/22. RA: Last Friday we did the pilot test. One barge doing the plowing, and another that was the monitoring barge. We were on the monitoring barge and restricted to four people. Went out with Dottie DiNoble from PWTF and later, Bryan Alix and Nick Butler got on board. After we got off the barge, Jen White and Sean Murphy from TDI got on board. The testing was complicated. They had many computer programs, so they didn't make a lot of headway before we got off at noon. Four boats were running around the giant barge that was plowing, plus we were keeping an eye on our simulated 'intake' at 700 gallons per minute, about 2MGD. The pumping went well, we'd grab a big sample

as they went along. I think we'll get good results. GB: Reading from Will Davie, TDI, letter: The trials were complete on Friday evening, and barges are remobilizing back to the campaign. One will head to the Harlem River, and the other down river on the Hudson. Results from Normandeau can be expected to come in 2-3 weeks after which time, they'll start preparing a full report. We'll share all the results from the lab to the Hudson 7. Normandeau are about to start the core sampling, but is waiting for the exact locations of the two water intakes before they start. Expect them to be on the water early next week. RA: We were told that the Rhinebeck intake wasn't located. They have to go back there. Brian offered to turn on the air. GB: Core working group working with TDI: Randy, Dottie, Nick, Paul, Dan, Rebecca and Gary. Interesting experience, but has brought us closer to what we need to do to protect the Hudson River. BB: Echo Gary's thoughts and thank everyone. If you remember, we were more or less "fight or take part". This group to remain an active participant is a strong sign and important.

b. Esopus Creek Committee updates

- i. GB: Attended the ARWG meeting last month. Lost in the jargon. I did reinforce the issue that when they shut down the Delaware aqueduct, the importance of divisions with whatever is happening with flooding. They said they had a plan and will be presenting that. Paul Malmrose has been driving this, and now that we have a seat at the table, we are being taken serious. BC: That's going to continue to happen for the Hudson 7. Keep the river safe.

Reports and Actions on New Business

1. Amendment on Bylaws: Term limit for officers
 - a. GB: Read the new changes to the bylaws into the record. The council removed "...and may serve for a maximum of three consecutive terms at a time."
 - i. **Motion to approve change to the Hudson 7 bylaws. Lynn Ruggerio second. Motion carried**
2. Appointments:
 - a. Officers: June 1, 2022 - June 1, 2023

- i. Chair, Mayor Gary Bassett (VoR)
- ii. Vice Chair, Supervisor Jay Baisley (ToP)
- iii. Secretary, Shannon Harris (ToE)

**1. Motion to approve officers minutes. Randy Alstadt
second. Motion carried.**

- b. Treasurer (carried over)
 - i. Preparation for managing funds and paying coordinator
 - ii. Treasurer is not currently accounted for in the Bylaws
 - c. Hudson 7 Hybrid meetings in Town of Poughkeepsie chamber
3. Website business
- a. RM: Fee for the website to be discussed next month. Town of Poughkeepsie carried it last year.

Adjournment: 6:00pm Bassett/Carlos