

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, September 16, 2021 Quorum: 5:30pm Adjourn: 6:21pm
Location	Remote
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Vice Chair	Supervisor Jay Baisley, Town of Poughkeepsie
Secretary	Deputy Supervisor Neil Krupnick, Town of Hyde Park
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gary Bassett, Mayor (VoR) ● Elizabeth Spinzia, Supervisor (ToR) ● Paul Malmrose (Technical Advisor, Engineering) ● Emily Svenson (Technical Advisor, Land Use) ● Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Representative ● Europa McGovern, Ulster County Representative ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (Coordinator) ● Grant Jiang, Department of Health

Regular Business

1. Call To Order 5:30pm
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. **Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Elizabeth Spinzia (ToR)**
No quorum
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. **Motion to approve 8/26/21 No quorum**
4. Communications
 - a. DWSP2 Stakeholder materials sent by Grant Jiang, TDI Letter Response (9/3/21), Hudson 7 PowerPoint presentation on CHPE (for Sierra Club)
 - i. Grant Jiang [reviewed](#) both documents that included roles and responsibilities for the DWSP2 process. Wanting to create a ‘bottom up’ rather than ‘top down’ approach to the process. Hoping to begin part II (the overview of the water systems) in October. Gary and Dan to meet with Grant to identify

stakeholder items. Grant is going on vacation and is unavailable until October 3. **DS** asked if the stakeholders (given the uniqueness of the watershed) that the Hudson 7 has effectively brought in already, including everyone from the coast guard to Central Hudson. Does Grant have thoughts on how to scope a stakeholder group, or how it might intersect with the goal setting? **GJ:** Because of the sheer size of the Hudson, emphasis on catching the largest problems. Focus on the issues that would have the most impact on the water intakes. Not every stakeholder needs to be engaged at the same level. **PM:** Asked Grant about whether or not he has looked into the CHPE proposal (as it pertains to the DOH). **GJ:** Is learning. The process as it pertains to the developer and those at the DOH who were engaged in the original permit process. Unfortunately, there isn't an approval letter. DOH didn't/doesn't have the regulatory jurisdiction until work is underway and potential impacts the intakes. There was a settlement process that took place in 2012. A number of parties were convened to discuss. One of the stipulations is that the individual groups and organizations could tell outside parties what they have done, but they can't tell outside parties what another party did. DOH was brought in to consult on potential impacts to intakes. A few DOH were tasked to vet the questions of the survey/solicitation letter sent out to water systems, where intakes are, etc. During the time of the permitting, DOH didn't have any regulatory authority about whether or not to approve any permits.

- ii. [Hudson 7 CHPE powerpoint](#) is now available on the Hudson 7's website. Gary is sending the video to share.

5. County representative report

- a. Ulster County. EM: No updates beyond the coordinator position that will be discussed later on.
- b. Dutchess County. BB: The county would like to see the coordinator position to proceed. The words 'project management' would change to 'project facilitation' if possible.

6. Public Comment

- a. None.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson 7 Priorities for 2021-2022

a. Scope and funding for coordinator position

- i. The Hudson 7 discussed the timeline for funding commitments, fiscal sponsorship and hiring process with a proposed start time of May 1, 2022. **ES:** Send a draft letter to municipalities regardless of not being able to vote this evening. **BB:** Sending a thoughtful response and the timeline to the counties, maybe the Hudson 7 could ask for half a year of funding in order to do all the work that needs to be done by municipalities. **GB:** Changing the tone, rather than getting a commitment, we're telling the county that by 9/30 we can provide a commitment. Will that be sufficient? **BB:** It's a significant step. **GB:** Added 'annual' to the funding commitment in order for municipalities to look at this funding each year. **EM:** Suggests to further build out the budget for the position. Salary, fringe, overhead, in order for county's to hammer out their full support. May not be able to do that by 9/30, but it should be seen as a next step. We'll need more details ahead of mid-November.

b. Form committee for NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

- i. Dan, Gary and Paul will meet to discuss. Elizabeth is happy to help.

2. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues

a. Proposed transmission lines

i. CHPE Committee updates

1. **ES:** Caldwell Marine to learn more about the jet plowing process. Also received a letter from TDI regarding the process for developing their environmental management and construction plan, anticipating late 2022 for the intake segment of the Hudson. A follow-up call will be set-up as well as communicating with the agencies for better testing and monitoring. Drafted a letter for Tier 4 Renewable Energy Credits. The letter needs to be

approved to send out ASAP. Suggest an email vote. Gary approved. **GJ:** Engaging with DEC and DPS as well? **ES:** The letter is addressed to the governor but we thought we should include NYSERDA and DPS and maybe DEC and DOH as well re: Tier 4 credits. **GJ:** DOH doesn't have any say on this matter until things start getting into the water. **ES:** Maybe you could attend the next CHPE meeting and fill in the group on that.

b. CSX Bridge

- i. **PM:** John Lipscomb asked him to have one of his bridge engineers look at the letters that were written and pictures of temporary support. Formal requests should be made to the CSX about the monitoring of the bridge. We also recommend we get a copy of their emergency response plan to see if it's included. They preposition the equipment to contain any spills. Marc Molinaro sent a letter to the DOH, who said it was the responsibility of the federal railroad. They did offer to set up a meeting with CSX and the counties to discuss emergency and structural procedures. Who is the responsible entity here to take the lead? Is it Ulster County, Dutchess County? **DS:** Did the action plan go to the county's as well? **PM:** No, it went only to the Hudson 7. They would probably have to approve this to send to the county's. **GB:** Send out for approval via email and send it out to get done. **ES:** What are we approving? **GB:** For Paul to send to the county's. **BB:** The county's would only be able to speak to CSX or the state. They would have no authority to take a study of the bridge. **RM:** Do we need to go to NYS representatives. **BB:** You're not asking the county to do the study, but to speak to CSX. **DS:** The first step is asking the Hudson 7 members to approve that action by email. If approved, that would be that action to send to county and state reps to take the recommended actions.

New Business

1. [Bylaws updated to include adopted policies](#)

Adjournment: 6:21pm **No quorum**