

Regular Meeting

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (I O) Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 @ 7 pm

Held Via ZOOM

Minutes

***** The next I O meeting will be on Wednesday, 11/18/2020 at 7 pm on ZOOM, the December meeting has not been set, it is TBA, Happy Thanksgiving! *****

Voting Members Present: Tee Ann Hunter, Roxy Johnston, Don Slocum, Dave Sprout, Ronny Hardaway, Deborah Dawson, Liz Thomas, Grace Bates, Bronwyn Losey, Jackie Cassaniti

Others Present: Mark Venuti, Ian Smith, Darby Kiley, Robert Meek, Stephanie Redmond

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the I O approves the minutes from the September 23, 2020 meeting as submitted.

MOVED: Deborah Dawson SECONDED: Don Slocum VOTE: Unanimous

Agenda Item 3 – Financial Report

CNYRPDB was paid \$23,950.56 for the work of Kathy Bertuch, so there is a \$52,683 balance in the I O account. It was noted that Cayuga County does not pay for membership in the I O.

BE IT RESOLVED that the I O approves the Financial Report from the September 23, 2020 meeting as submitted.

MOVED: Grace Bates SECONDED: Ronny Hardaway VOTE: Unanimous

Agenda Item 4 – Review Proposed 2021 Work Plan

The I O is required to pass the work plan every year according to the bylaws; an additional item is asking for a watershed manager. The I O will take action on this work plan at the November/December meeting, possibly on Wednesday, 11/18. Please see Tee Ann's email from October 22, 2020 entitled "Cayuga Lake Watershed I O Meeting (CLWIO) Wed, 28th @ 7:00 PM" for attachments.

Agenda Item 5 – Review Proposed 2021 I O Budget

This is attached to Tee Ann's 10/22 email also. Liz presented the budget as if there are no new grants, and the finances are increased only by membership to the I O until 2024. Hopefully the I O will get more

members over the years, Liz doesn't think it is an appropriate time to institute higher dues. Most of the money will be spent on hiring the Finger Lakes Institute (FLI) for the next year or two; see below. Deborah added that the county legislature is thinking about hiring a sustainability staffer that the I O may be able to use.

Agenda Item 6 – Discuss 2021 appointments and committees

Nominations for the position of I O Chairperson and committees will be accepted for the November meeting. Tee Ann is not able to continue as Chair according to the bylaws, please consider the position; Tee Ann has spent a lot of time getting things in order for the next chair. To be on an I O committee, one doesn't need to be a voting member. Vice-Chair is open for nominations as Roxy Johnston would give up her position; Roxy suggested that a person should say something only if they don't want to be on their committees.

Agenda Item 7 - Review Scope of Work for watershed management services

Ian Smith, Seneca Lake I O (SWIO) Watershed Manager, and Mark Venuti, Supervisor of the Town of Geneva and SWIO Chair, were invited to the I O meeting to explain the work the FLI can do for the I O in the position of watershed manager. This would be a one day a week position for Ian to work for the I O for \$16,000 for 50 weeks. SWIO is working on a 9-Element Plan, please see <https://senecawatershedio.wordpress.com> for more information. This has to be approved by the I O. Ian talked about a US Forest Service grant to work on finding streams with excessive sediment load as a citizen science program with 3 phases: 1) design 2) implement the design 3) track it over 6 years. It required a 20% match, so \$2,000, and some of it can be in-kind work. Tee Ann asked about the method and Ian said a pressure transducer is used to check stream flow. Grace asked where the studies are taking place, Ian said first in road ditches; could be on the ridge between Seneca and Cayuga Lakes. Roxy said there are different way of measuring turbidity such as what the USGS did on Six Mile Creek for the project. The I O will get in touch with SWIO with a contract. Again, please check Tee Ann's 10/22 email for the "Proposal for Finger Lakes Institute".

Agenda Item 8 – Committee Reports

-Executive Committee-

They have been working on the budget, the work plan and scope of work as well as the Consensus Building Institute grant with Aurora that is going well.

-Membership Committee-

They are working on a power point presentation to show the benefits of I O membership to municipalities. They have been showing it to members asking for feedback.

-Finance Committee-

They did not meet this month.

-Ad Hock Education and Outreach Committee-

They met on 10/23/2020 and “reviewed the draft memo to the I O recommending certain approaches to future education funding”, specifically: 1) Background, 2) Goals, 3) Table of educational priorities compiled from the RPP’s, and 4) Recommendations. Their goal is to present their finding at the last meeting of 2020 (TBA), and they are working on a partnership between the I O and CLWN. Tee Ann said this is good as they don’t want to do duplicate work; many at this meeting stated support of this collaboration.

Agenda Item 9 – Schedule November and December I O Meetings

It was decided that the November meeting will be one week early, on **Wednesday, November 18th, at 7 pm on Zoom**. The December meeting date has not been determined.

Agenda Item 10 – Consider adjournment

MOVED: Roxy Johnston

SECONED: Dave Sprout

VOTED: Unanimous

Submitted by Jackie Cassaniti