



REGULAR MEETING
CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION
 Wednesday March 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM by zoom
 Minutes

Link to [Zoom recording](#) of meeting. Passcode: e3#.pUsh

Members, Associate Members, and Ex-Officio Members Present:

Roxy Johnston – City of Ithaca, Town of Catharine	Kent Hubbell – Village of Cayuga Heights
Susan Ainslie – Village of Lansing	Darby Kiley – Tompkins County
Michael Boggs – Town of Ulysses	Christine Montague – Town of Lansing
Jackie Cassaniti – Town of Caroline	Stephanie Redmond – Town of Enfield
Laurie Ervay – City of Ithaca	Dave Sprout – Town of Dryden
Michelle Henry – Town of Newfield	Liz Thomas – Town of Ulysses
Tee-Ann Hunter – Village of Aurora	Tom Vawter – Town of Lansing
Nancy Hart – Town of Scipio	Michele Wunderlich – Cayuga County
Associate and ExOfficio: Eileen O’Conner, Mary Jump, Peter Penniman, Shawn Murphy	
Partners attending: John Dennis, Doug Barnes, Angel Hinickle, Bill Ebert, Liz Cameron, Ashley Inzerillo, Nicholas Demitroszek.	
Staff: Isaac Walker, Emma Moore	

1. Call to order.

2. Consider approval of Minutes, Financial Report, and Bills.

Resolution to approve minutes and finance report.

RESOLVED that the CWIO approves meeting minutes from 2/28/24.

Moved: Liz Thomas **Seconded:** Susan Ainsley **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

RESOLVED that the CWIO accepts the financial report ending 2/29/24 with a balance of \$288,267.54

Moved: Tee-Ann Hunter **Seconded:** Nancy Hart **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

3. Presentation: - The State Revolving Funds and Funding Opportunities for Water Infrastructure Projects. Nicholas Demitroszek, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, Ashley Inzerillo, Program Manager, NYS Department of Health

- This presentation is posted on its own in the CWIO website under “resources” and in the ZOOM recording. (time 00:01:30) and also on the Cayuga County [Water Quality Management Agency](#) (WQMA) YouTube Channel.
 - Sign up for information on funding opportunities from the EFC at efc.ny.gov/news
 - Request a Consultation: <https://efc.ny.gov/form/community-assistance-teams-reque>
4. **Watershed Manager** – Isaac Walker - (time 00:33:49)
- See Watershed Manager reports at <https://cwio.org/resources/#WatershedManager>.
5. **Chair Report** - Roxy Johnston – (time 00:39:53) – Isaac will meet with highway superintendents, highlight physical and pollution projects. CWIO encourages anyone to submit project ideas. Opportunities for funding are coming up, please apply.
- **Vice Chair report – Liz Thomas** – CWIO speakers: 4/24 at 7:00 by zoom–Kate Black from DOS; 5/22 3:00-5:00 - an in-person meeting in Seneca County; 6/26 2:00-4:00 by zoom–Ray Vaughan, a geologist, will speak about the salt mine; If you cannot attend, feel free to submit your questions in advance to be answered. Legislation about mining under a lake is going through the NYS legislature.
6. **Committee Reports**
- **Executive Committee – Roxy Johnston** – (time 00:49:37) – working on getting speakers for future meetings.
 - **EPPOC - Liz Thomas** – (time 00:49:58) – EPPOC discussed the Municipal Checklist - provides model language municipalities can enact that are protective of water. If your municipality has legislation or policies already on the books, please share with Liz to include in Checklist.
[Resolution to appoint member to EPPOC](#)
RESOLVED that the CWIO appoints Liz Kreitinger, the Director of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, to the CWIO Educations, public participation, and outreach committee (EPPOC) for 2024.
Moved: Liz Thomas **Seconded:** Roxy Johnston **Vote:** Unanimous
 - **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Darby Kiley** – (time 00:54:31)
 - i. How to get more projects on the list.
 - **State and Federal Outreach - Tee-Ann Hunter** – (time 00:55:22)
 - i. Met with Eric Van der Vort to discuss hosting a meeting to introduce state legislators to the Finger Lakes area with a focus on why good water quality in the Finger Lakes matters.
7. **Reports from Partners**
- a. **Michele Wunderlich – Cayuga County** - (time 00:59:58) Owasco Lake Buoy funding was approved, will continue to work with CSI on HABs. also will continue with tributary monitoring via Quality Assurance Protection Plan (QAPP).
 - i. Some CWIO Presentations on the Cayuga County’s YouTube channel:
 1. <https://www.youtube.com/@CayugaCountyWQMA>
 2. WQMA March newsletter: <http://cayugacountywater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/WQMA-Newsletter-March-2024.pdf>
 - b. **Darby Kiley - Water Resource Council** – (time 01:01:55) working on water quality strategy

- c. **Shawn Murphy – Cortland County soil and water district** – (time 01:05:03) NYS DEC plantings and pond stockings will be available for pick up in Cortland.
 - i. <https://cortlandsoilandwaterconservationdistrict.myshopify.com/>
- d. **Doug Barnes – Tompkins County Whole Health Department** – (time 01:07:28) Working on sanitary code revisions and updating water quality strategy
- e. **Mary Jump - Seneca County Health Department** – (time 01:07:50) Continuing to work on last year’s septic inspections and new letters will go out this year for the next set of towns.
- f. **Kent Hubbell – Cayuga Heights** – (time 01:09:12) Hopefully, wastewater treatment activities will continue to go in the right direction, and work on lead mitigation
- g. **Nancy Hart – Town of Scipio** – (time 01:12:11) Funding for the HAB’s monitoring program has been approved in the state preliminary budget.
 - i. Bill Foster is organizing a call-in campaign for the updated Owasco Lake rules and regs to the DEC.
- h. **Stephanie Redmond – Town of Enfield and CLEAN (Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now)** (time 01:13:37) Enfield is organizing a meeting with Newfield and Ulysses - for a west side of the lake collaborative. They have a significant grant for an important culvert replacement. For CLEAN, they want to organize a letter and call-in campaign for State Senators Webb and Kelles for better oversight of Cargill mines. They will have their 3rd annual Cayuga Lake Summit in July at Stewart Park
- i. **Isaac Walker – Finger Lakes Institute** – (time 01:17:28) Prism still recruiting for their summer positions. Prism Spring Partner Meeting on May 7th at Hobart and William Smith College
- j. **Laurie Ervay – City of Ithaca** - (time 01:18:05) The drone flights were done for the FEMA creek project in Tompkins County.

8. Adjourn

Moved: Kent Hubbell

Seconded: Susan Ainsley

Vote: Unanimous

Submitted by Emma Moore and Jackie Cassiniti