



REGULAR MEETING
CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION
Wednesday April 24, 2024 at 7:00 by zoom
Minutes

Link to [Zoom recording](#) of meeting. Passcode: fL92#sEK

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

Liz Thomas	Susan Ainslie
Don Slocum	Isaac Walker
Nancy Hart	Laurie Ervay
Peter Penniman	Ginny Kent
Kate Black	Michele Wunderlich
Darby Kiley	Tony Del Plato
Margaret Johnson	Doug Barnes
Anthony Prestigiacomo	Tee Ann Hunter
Eileen O'Connor	Emma Moore
Christine Montague	Grascen Shidemantle
Michael Allinger	Michael Boggs
Hilary Swartwood	Jackie Cassaniti

1. Call to order.

Roxy Johnston is on vacation so Liz Thomas is acting Chair.

Announcement: The May CWIO meeting will be in person from 3 to 5 pm at the Seneca County Health Department, 2465 Bonadent Drive #3, Waterloo, NY 13165

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

RESOLVED that the CWIO approves meeting minutes from 3/27/24.

Moved: Darby Kiley

Seconded: Susan Ainsley

Vote: Unanimous in favor

RESOLVED that the CWIO accepts the financial report ending 3/31/24 with a balance of \$297,262.49

Moved: Don Slocum

Seconded: Nancy Hart

Vote: Unanimous in favor

3. **Presentation: - Local Waterfront Revitalization Program: Watershed Implementation Funding and Success Stories. Kate Black**—Coastal Resource Specialist, Office of Planning, Development, and Community Infrastructure, NYS Department of State (time 03:12)
- 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.

4. **Support for FLLT** (time 0:50:58)

RESOLVED that CWIO authorizes sending a letter of support for the Finger Lakes Land Trust asking the state to accelerate its land acquisition funding process.

Moved: Tee Ann Hunter

Seconded: Darby Kiley

Voted: Unanimous

5. **Watershed Manager** – Isaac Walker - (time 00:56:04)

- See Watershed Manager reports at <https://cwio.org/resources/#WatershedManager>.
- [April’s report](#)

6. **Chair, Exec Committee, and EPPOC Report** - Liz Thomas – (time 1:09:13) –

- Sixty percent of CWIO dues have been paid. A reminder will be sent to municipalities as they are due at the end of June.
- The comment period is ending May 2nd for the stormwater discharge.
- Training from the Hudson Estuary has relevant information to the Cayuga Lake Watershed.
- The next 3 meetings will be at irregular times: **May** will be in person at the Seneca County Health Department from 3-5 pm (with pizza). **June** will be at 2pm by ZOOM with geologist Ray Vaughan about the Cargill mines under Cayuga Lake. **July** will be a ditch demonstration in Cayuga County at 1 pm.

7. **Committee Reports** (time 1:17:03)

- **TAC – Darby** will meet in May
- **State and Federal Outreach Committee** - **Tee Ann** will talk to legislators now that the NYS budget has passed. She is planning a luncheon on **Friday, August 2nd**, at the Inns of Aurora for the legislators and interested people to talk about Finger Lakes and/or CWIO needs. It will include CLWN and CSI as well as a panel of watershed managers and municipal reps. Anyone interested in participating or helping should contact Tee Ann.

Resolution: Partner with CLWN for a grant to host the meeting.

Moved: Liz Thomas

Seconded: Don Slocum

Vote: Unanimous

8. **Reports from Partners** (1:28:58)

- a. **Grascen Shidemantle from CSI** - She will talk at the Cayuga County Water Quality Agency about stream monitoring, will also be virtual. And CSI can help with project information ideas to submit for grant applications.
- b. **Eileen O'Connor is the retired Cayuga County Health Department Head** - who can give presentations. She is involved with new technology done with SUNY Stony Brook looking for homeowners to check for phosphorous blooms from septic systems; the first one will be at Lake Como (later could be Owasco and Canandaigua Lakes and some homeowners in Tompkins County). Question: If phosphorus is found is there funding to fix the problem? Not yet, maybe a septic system replacement program.
- c. **Nancy Hart** - said the lawsuit about the Owasco Lake Rules and Regulations has been moved to Albany. She said be prepared for a dismissal.
- d. Check the Zoom video chat for bills of interest that are still pending in the legislature.

9. **Adjourn**

Moved: Don Slocum

Seconded: Nancy Hart

Vote: Unanimous

Submitted by Emma Moore and Jackie Cassiniti