

# Watershed Agricultural Council

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## Executive Committee Meeting February 20, 2024

### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Wayland “Bud” Gladstone

Members Present:      Wayland “Bud” Gladstone      Karl Gockel, via Zoom  
                                 Fred Huneke                                      Tom Hutson  
                                 Jennifer Grossman, via Zoom      John Vickers, NYC DEP, via Zoom  
                                 Marilyn Wyman

Others Present:      Ryan Naatz                                      Amy Faulkner  
                                 Steve Reed                                      Michael VanderWerff, NYC DEP, via Zoom

### II. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting, as presented.**

**Motion: Tom Hutson**

**Second: Fred Huneke**

**Approved**

Marilyn Wyman recused herself.

### III. Executive Director’s Report

- A. Successor Contract Status Update:** Ryan reported that the successor contract discussions remain on schedule. The majority of the contract language has been resolved, there remain only a few outstanding language issues, specifically regarding WAC’s independent contract status. The operating contract contains all operating costs as well as all staffing positions, for a ten-year period. The term of the Easement Program successor contract will need to be modified to a term that coincides with the current available funding, it will likely be a shorter term to start and once more funding is allocated to land acquisition via the FAD, an amendment to add funding and extend the term will be completed. Carol and Michael are currently working to determine current funding and how long that can support the program. John reported that they expect the recent draft of the operating contract from BLA soon. When drafts are nearly finalized, they will be shared with the Executive Committee.

### IV. Executive Session

**Motion to go into Executive Session.**

**Motion: Tom Hutson**

**Second: John Vickers**

**Approved**

**Motion to come out of Executive Session.**

**Motion: Tom Hutson**

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**Second: Jennifer Grossman**  
**Approved**

**V. Adjournment**  
**Meeting adjourned by common consent at 12:30pm.**