

# Watershed Agricultural Council

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## Minutes of the Watershed Agricultural Council March 22, 2022

### I. Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm via Zoom call.

#### Roll Call:

##### Directors Present, via video conference call:

Dwight Bruno

Dave Cammer

Wayland "Bud" Gladstone

Fred Huneke

Tom Hutson

John Verhoeven

Eleanor Blakeslee-Drain

John Vickers, NYC DEP

Marilyn Wyman

Karl Gockel

Steve Reed

John Riedl

James Darling

Jennifer Grossman

Richard Giles

##### Others Present, via Zoom:

Ryan Naatz

Carol Bishop

Larry Hulle

Gibson Durnford

Heather Magnan

Jessica Nowlin, NYC DOI

Jeff Graff, NYC DEP

Paul Kaczmarczyk, NYS DOH

Katie Lynch, US EPA

Bruce Dolph

Amy Faulkner

Tom Pavlesich

Cindy McCarthy

Kristan Morley

Cynthia Irizarry, NYC DOI

Lee Harris, NYC DOI

Michael Vander Werff, NYC DEP

Morgan Zyzik-Tarbell, NYS DOH

Patrick Palmer, NYS DOH

Bud asked if there were any additions to the agenda, Ryan would like to add that the majority of the monitor agreement updates will be held in Executive Session, and that WAC has added time on the agenda for DOH and/or EPA reports moving forward. Jennifer will also be reporting on a grant opportunity in Executive Session. Fred requested a few minutes during Executive Session to discuss financial reporting.

### II. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes, as presented.**

**Motion: Tom Hutson**

**Second: Steve Reed**

**Approved**

### III. Executive Director Report

**A. Program Report:** Program Reports will be referred to respective Program Chairs later

in the meeting.

**B. Operations Report:**

1. Staffing Updates: Amy provided an update on staffing and open positions;
  - Easement Program Director – Serena Orleski has started this position. Staff Accountant – two positions open, interviews held this week
  - WAP PFM/Procurement Assistant – currently open, interviews scheduled for next week
  - EoH Program Executive Assistant – currently open, interviews being conducted
  - Easement Program Executive Assistant – currently open, interviews scheduled for this week
  - GIS Coordinator – offer has been made to an internal candidate
  - Program Intern positions are currently being advertised.
2. Monitor Agreement Update: This discussion will be done in Executive Session.
3. 44 West Street Lease Update: DC SWCD has agreed to the six month extension to the current agreement, through September as provided for in the current lease. A new agreement will need to be negotiated and executed prior to October 1, 2022.

**III. Chair's Report – Bud Gladstone**

- Bud reported that the new DEP Commissioner will be visiting the NYC Watershed on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Finance Committee – Karl Gockel**

**A. Financials**

**Motion to accept the modified December financials as presented.**

**Motion: Fred Huneke**

**Second: John Riedl**

**Approved**

**Motion to accept the January financials as presented.**

**Motion: Dave Cammer**

**Second: Steve Reed**

**Approved**

**Motion to approve the following individuals be named as signatories on all Watershed Agricultural Council's accounts held at Wayne Bank and NBT Bank:**

- o Karl Gockel, Treasurer
- o Carol Bishop, Finance Director
- o Ryan Naatz, Executive Director
- o Amy Faulkner, Director of Operations
- o David C. Cammer, Vice Chair
- o R. Thomas Hutson
- o Fredrick Huneke

**Motion: Bud Gladstone**

**Second: Jennifer Grossman**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Eleanor Blakeslee-Drain - Yay**

**Dwight Bruno - Yay**

Dave Cammer - Abstained  
James Darling - Yay  
Richard Giles- Yay  
Wayland Gladstone - Yay  
Karl Gockel - Abstained  
Jennifer Grossman - Yay  
Fred Huneke - Abstained  
Tom Hutson - Abstained  
Steve Reed - Yay  
John Riedl - Yay  
John Verhoeven - Yay  
Marilyn Wyman - Yay  
John Vickers - Yay  
Approved

**V. Agricultural Committee – Steve Reed**

**A. Agricultural Committee Approvals**

1. Nutrient Management Credit Award – Motion

**Motion to approve the 2020/2021 NM Credit Award for Prospect Farms (Doug Murphy) as reviewed and recommended by the Nutrient Management Sub-Committee on February 3, 2022.**

**Motion: Jim Darling**

**Second: Dwight Bruno**

**Approved**

2. WFP Revision Approvals - Motion

**Upon the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee, motion to approve the following Whole Farm Plan Revisions:**

**Summary Review:**

**Donald Hillriegel – ULP-003 – Revision 10 – 2019 Design Workload Revision**

**Motion: Dave Cammer**

**Second: Fred Huneke**

**Approved**

**Kale & Ladd Hanselman – DEC-279 – Revision 5 – 2022 Design Workload Revision**

**Motion: Bud Gladstone**

**Second: Karl Gockel**

**Approved**

**Jeffrey Watters – DEP-SF183 – Revision 2 – 2022 Design Workload Revision**

**Motion: Tom Hutson**

**Second: John Verhoeven**

**Approved**

**Donald & Kelly Wickham – DEC-173.1 – Revision 5 – 2022 Design Workload Revision**

**Motion: Dave Cammer**

**Second: John Riedl**

**Approved**

**Rudolf Landolt – DEC-281 – Revision 8 – Update Funding**

**Motion: Karl Gockel**  
**Second: Bud Gladstone**  
**Approved**

**2022 CREP Implementation Sprays:**  
**John Shepard – DEC-311 – Revision 7**  
**Motion: Fred Huneke**  
**Second: John Riedl**  
**Approved**

**D. Scott, Gail & Tyler Hymers – DEC-171 – Revision 12**  
**Motion: Dave Cammer**  
**Second: Tom Hutson**  
**Approved**

**Douglas & Scott Merrill – DEC-144 – Revision 11**  
**Motion: James Darling**  
**Second: Marilyn Wyman**  
**Approved**

**VII. Governance Committee – John Verhoeven**

- Nothing to report at this time.

**VIII. Easement Committee – Tom Hutson**

- Tom reported that he is excited to have Serena Orleski as the new Easement Program Director.

**IX. Forestry Committee – Dave Cammer**

- Dave reported that the April Council meeting will include a motion for consideration from the Forestry Committee pertaining to revisions to the Forestry Program Guidelines.

**X. Economic Viability Program – Richard Giles**

- Richard reported that the program just concluded the most recent round of grants, 10 applications were received and 5 were approved.

**XI. NYC DEP Report – John Vickers**

- John reported that a he signed the three payment packages yesterday (13E, 11C and 28), those should be forwarded to the next step at the City process. He and staff continue to work with WAC on subcontracts, specifically CCEDC and DC SWCD. They are also conducting a review of the proposed CAT503 contract as the ACCO wants to make substantial changes to that. Bud asked for a timeframe for the greenlight for BMP Implementation; John sated that there seems to be quite a bit more work for WAC to do on the reconciliation of the due to due from. Ryan added that there is still a fair amount of work to do to prove how funds were moved internally.

**XII. Department of Health Report – Pat Palmer**

- Pat stated that the draft revised FAD continues through the internal review process. Fred asked if there were any concerns with the updates, Pat responded that not internally to DOH.

**XIII. WAC Meeting Schedule**

**Motion to modify the meeting schedule of the Watershed Agricultural Council to occur at 10:00am on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The 'quarterly meeting' held in the months of January, April, July, and October will be hybrid, with the option to meet in-person in Walton, and the remaining meetings to be held via zoom.**

**Motion: Dave Cammer**

**Second: Fred Huneke**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Eleanor Blakeslee-Drain - Yay**

**Dwight Bruno - Yay**

**Dave Cammer - Yay**

**James Darling - Yay**

**Richard Giles- Yay**

**Wayland Gladstone - Yay**

**Karl Gockel - Yay**

**Jennifer Grossman - Yay**

**Fred Huneke - Yay**

**Tom Hutson - Yay**

**Steve Reed - Yay**

**John Riedl - Yay**

**John Verhoeven - Yay**

**Marilyn Wyman - Yay**

**John Vickers - Yay**

**Approved**

**XIV. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contract matters.**

**Motion: Dave Cammer**

**Second: Fred Huneke**

**Approved**

Cynthia Irizarry and Bruce Dolph left the meeting at this time

**Motion to come out of Executive Session**

**Motion: Fred Huneke**

**Second: John Riedl**

**Approved**

**Motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy, as amended.**

**Motion: Dave Cammer**

**Second: Marilyn Wyman**

**Approved**

**Motion to approve the Code of Conduct Policy, as presented.**

**Motion: John Riedl**

**Second: Tom Hutson**

**Approved**

**XV. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 pm.**

**Motion: John Verhoeven**

**Second: Steve Reed**  
**Approved**

The next meeting will be held April 26, 2022 at 1:00pm