

TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

**January 27, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending:

Name		Representation
Sharon Anderson	P	Cooperative Extension
John Andersson	P	At-Large
Fay Benson	P	Agriculture
Chris Bordlemay	P	Water Purveyor
Ed Bugliosi	E	USGS <i>ex officio</i>
Liz Cameron	P	T C Environmental Health
Sarah Dwyer	P	Business/Industry
Barry Goodrich	E	Watershed Organization
William George	P	Municipal Government
Roxy Johnston	P	At-Large
Joan Jurkowich	P	T C Planning
Dan Karig	P	Recreation
Dooley Kiefer	P	Legislature Liaison
Darby Kiley	P	Municipal
Lynn Leopold	P	Municipal

Name		Representation
Jim McGarry	P	EMC Liaison
Jon Negley	P	Soil & Water
Frank Proto	P	At-Large
Elaine Quaroni	P	At-Large
Marjory Rinaldo-Lee	P	Environment
Scott Carpenter	A	At-Large
<i>Jose Lozano</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>John Mawdsley</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Todd Miller</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Steve Penningroth</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Mary Shelley</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Tom Vawter</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Linda Wagenet</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
Jennifer Turner	P	Staff

Guests: James Balyszak, Lee Ann Hill, Deborah Jones, Kathy Halton

Chairman Frank Proto called the meeting to order at approximately 4:25 PM.

Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes – A report from the 303 d list committee was added to the agenda.

MOVED by Lynn Leopold, seconded by John Andersson, to approve the minutes as submitted. Several changes were accepted as friendly:

- Correct line 42 by deleting “public meetings related”
- On line 74, change “Marjorie” to “Marjory”
- The 303 d list committee members are: Jose Lozano, Liz Cameron, Lee Ann Hill and Steve Kern

As friendly amendments, other various typos were corrected. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the members present. Final minutes are available on the WRC website:

<http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/planning/committees/wrc/wrcagenda-minutes>

Committee Reports –

Frank Proto reminded Committee chairs that written reports for the Annual Reports are due February 12, 2014.

Election of 2014 Officers –

32 **MOVED** by Joan Jurkowich seconded by Roxy Johnston, to nominate Frank Proto as chair, Barry Goodrich
33 as first vice chair and Marjorie Rinaldo-Lee as second vice chair.

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35 **MOVED** by Sharon Anderson, seconded by Lynn Leopold, to close the nominations. All were in favor
36 with no opposition.

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38 The vote on the slate of officers was all in favor with no opposition.

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40 **Project Update on Hydrilla Eradication and new invasive species list** James Balyszak opened the
41 presentation to inform the group that a proposal had been funded by the Natural Fish and Wildlife Service.
42 He mentioned that although education and outreach had been lacking funds, the \$75,000 awarded in
43 December included funds for education and outreach efforts by Cayuga Lake Watershed Network,
44 Cooperative Extension and the Floating Classroom. In February, monthly statewide task force conference
45 calls and Local Task Force Management meetings will resume. Hydrilla has been found in the Tonawanda
46 area (2012), Croton River (2013) and areas around Orange County. Scott Kishbaugh from the DEC is
47 compiling project data and information for provided by Cayuga Inlet and Tonowanda (Buffalo, NY) projects.
48 Information will be provided to respective Task Forces, as well as experts for external peer-review process in
49 preparation for 2014 treatments. In October new regulations were set by the DEC regarding the transport of
50 prohibited and restricted plants based on the threat of invasiveness. There are penalties of fines for violations.
51 Additionally, newly proposed DEC Boat Launch regulations were proposed in January 2014, which will
52 require boaters to clean vessels/equipment prior to launching and pulling out of NYSDEC Boat Launch sites.
53 Public comment on Boat Launch Regs open until 2/24/14. DEC will review comments and progress forward
54 with finalizing regulations.

55 **Report on Cayuga Lake Modeling Project TAC Meeting –**

56 On January 15, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met for the Cayuga Lake monitoring/ modeling
57 effort. Roxy Johnston noted that the presentations were data intensive and there was little time for questions
58 or dialogue. The meeting focused on lake results and the methodology. Little stream data was presented.
59 There was discussion on sediment and its relationship with phosphorus. The various forms of phosphorus
60 (bioavailable, dissolved, etc.) are a focus of UFI's research. There has been an extensive technical
61 discussion happening via e-mail as a result of the January 15th presentations. This discussion will continue in
62 person 1 hr prior to the regularly scheduled Monitoring Partnership meeting which is: 4 pm, Cooperative
63 Extension, February 18th.

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65 **303D Committee Report –** Jose presented 303d committee's work on a draft letter commenting on the 303d
66 list. His concerns were phosphorus, silt/sediment, and pathogens. He requested the WRC review the Cayuga
67 Lake 303d listing of the following

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- 69 • Proper listing under clean water act
 - 70 • Designated use modifiers
 - 71 • Removing water from section 303d (i) (a)
 - 72 • Cayuga Lake Modeling Process
 - 73 • Use attainable analysis before TMDL implementation
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75 He asked for the general opinion from the WRC as to whether or not he was going in the right direction. The
76 WRC seemed to be in general agreement that his conclusions need to be clarified. His next step will be to
77 create a draft before the WRC reconsiders endorsement.

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79 **Commenting on Susquehanna River Basin Commission –** The WRC decided it was not their role to
80 respond to the request.

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82 **Committee Reports –**

83 Education – Sharon Anderson mentioned that efforts will continue in working on efforts related to Hydrilla
84 in conjunction with the Hydrilla Outreach Committee. At the most recent meeting they discussed the
85 modeling process and TMDL process and ways the committee could assist with related outreach.
86 Executive– Frank Proto announced there will be a meeting regarding the budget and work plan.
87 Grants – Jose Lozano noted there was a written report distributed to members.
88 Streams – Dan Karig noted that their committee has not met although they are still trying to determine
89 whether or not sodium chloride is causing a problem. He suggested a program to focus on chemical sampling
90 which would include sodium.
91 Wetlands – Darby mentioned that the consultant that is doing the wetlands mapping has started the work and
92 will be updating her in the near future
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94 **Chair and Staff Reports** – Frank Proto reminded that the chairs of the various sub committees need to get
95 the year end summaries in by February. He also mentioned three possible speakers for the upcoming
96 meetings. He asked that Planning Department send invitations to Fred Bonn, Steve Penningroth and Aaron
97 Ristow.
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99 **Adjournment** –
100 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:14 PM.
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102 Respectfully submitted,
103 Jennifer Turner, Administrative Assistant
104 Tompkins County Planning Department
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106 Adopted by the Council on March 17, 2014