

TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

**February 24, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending:

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

Name		Representation
Lynn Leopold	P	Municipal
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
Jose Lozano	P	Associate Member
John Mawdsley	A	Associate Member
Todd Miller	E	Associate Member
Steve Penningroth	P	Associate Member
Mary Shelley	E	Associate Member
Tom Vawter	P	Associate Member
Linda Wagenet	P	Associate Member
Jennifer Turner	P	TC Planning

Guests: Aaron Ristow, Leann Hill (IAWWTF)

Chairman Frank Proto called the meeting to order at approximately 4:23 PM.

Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes – Meeting agenda will add 303 d) Draft Letter Review under Committee Reports. Meeting minute approval will be take place at the next meeting on 3/17/14. A revised copy will go out to members a week prior to the meeting to be approved in advance.

Report on update to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL – Aaron Ristow opened his presentation by introducing himself as the Ag coordinator for the Upper Susquehanna Coalition. The coalition consists of 16 soil and water districts which make up the head waters to the Chesapeake Bay and New York. Aaron is currently working on non-point source and other various projects. His group has partnered with other conservation agencies as TMDL brings them all together through the common goals that they share. The main areas of focus are Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Sediment. The framework for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL is to use their model to establish nutrient and sediment load reduction. The Chesapeake Bay TMDL has 4 components. The first component is the Watershed Implementation Plan which was completed by each state in 2010. The next two components are the reporting and annual tracking of progress. Annual progress of implementation is measured and compared to the target goals for the year. Tracking the milestones through the reporting is the fourth and final component. Their model is based on a list of practices reported in acres or animal numbers affected. That information is sent through the model for calculations to produce reduction goals to create levels of implementation. The progress is measured and compared to the target at the end of the milestone period. Although the model has many limitations, the process is ongoing. There are other programmatic goals statewide trainings and AEM programs involved, one of which allows for outreach to

33 farmers in order conduct assessments for water quality in order to determine what improvements can be
34 implemented. There are other programmatic goals statewide trainings and AEM programs involved.
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37 **Committee Assignments** – Frank Proto announced that due to the low response in subcommittee sign ups he
38 has added members to fulfill the minimum requirements.

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41 **Committee Reports** – There were no Committee Reports

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43 **Chair & Staff Reports** – There were no Chair or Staff Reports

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47 **303D Draft Letter Review** – Jose Lozano presented the 303d draft letter for approval. Discussions centered
48 on the belief that the letter lacked clarity. After thorough discussion, the decision was made to have the 303d
49 committee re-draft the letter, give all members of the WRC the opportunity to comment, and send a final
50 draft for action to the Executive Committee by March 12.

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53 **Adjournment** –
54 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:07 PM.

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56 Respectfully submitted,
57 Jennifer Turner, Administrative Assistant
58 Tompkins County Planning Department

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60 Adopted by the Council on March 17, 2014