



#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

9:30 A.M., Thursday, October 23, 2025

#### **Meeting Minutes**

## 1) Open Meeting

Voting Members in Attendance: Robrt Scorrano (Town of Somers) for himself and as alternate for Richard Williams, Sr. (Town of Patterson); Tony Goncalves (Town of Lewisboro) for himself and as alternate for Ellen Calves (Town of Bedford); JoAnne Daley for James Schmitt (Town of Pawling); Warren Lucas (Town of North Salem);

Others in Attendance: Sabrina Hull (Town of New Castle) via Zoom; Neal Tomann (Putnam County); Millie Magraw (Westchester County); Christine Chale (Corporate Counsel) via ZOOM; Cassondra Britton (Corporate Counsel); Vincent Giorgio (NYCDEP); Steve Cutignola (NYCDEP); Kevin Fitzpatrick (EOHWC); Keith Giguere (EOHWC); Linda Matera (EOHWC)

#### 2) Approve Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2025

Motion by Director Goncalves, seconded by Alternate Daley to approve the meeting minutes of September 25, 2025; all in favor.

## 3) Financial Update

Keith Giguere reported month ending September 30 total cash is \$13,209,000 of which \$10,644,000 is FAD and \$2,565,000 is WQIP. The current outstanding FAD commitments is \$2,700,000 and non-FAD is \$500,000.

### 4) Project Update

Kevin Fitzpatrick reported that Kent-MB-1000 is underway and making good progress. The contractor is hoping to get as much done as possible this fall so it can be wrapped up in late spring/early summer of 2026. The installation is complete for Carmel-AM-1000. The phosphorus number turned out to be lower than 4.7 because a portion of the project had to be eliminated due to bedrock so the updated number will be closer to 1. The cost per kilogram is somewhere in the ballpark of \$5,000. We are finishing up at Y-MU-40 with just having gotten the last of the installation of plantings and those phosphorus credits will be banked before the November Executive Committee meeting. As of today, we are sending the final check to the contractor, Coyle Industries, which means we will be able to submit to the Army Corps of Engineers to wrap up our last payment. We will then be able to close out that contract in the next two months or so. We are on target to go to construction on L-CR-1001 in late winter/early spring. We missed being able to start in the fall because we had to get some permitting done. We will get that taken care of and go out to bid for construction in January. Anything they can start in the winter will be helpful, but otherwise it will be a project we hope to complete before Memorial Day because the country club uses that area for camp

during the summer so we would like to get in and out of there very quickly. Director Scorrano asked if the neighbor responded back to the new design at Woodcrest Terrace in Somers S-AM-1015. Kevin said that the new design got kicked back to the engineer for an adjustment. Director Scorrano inquired about the nature of the adjustment. Kevin said the property owner still has concerns with how close the channel is to the property line, so he had the engineer make an adjustment. The channel ideally should have been in the easement that existed on the property but unfortunately, the path of the flow ended up leaving the easement and cutting into this neighbor's property. The project will now consist of getting rid of the channel entirely. We would like to extend the pipe that is there, install a series of manholes to keep the flow within the easement, and fill in the channel. Director Lucas asked if they are putting forebays in to mitigate costs. Kevin said that they will eliminate the channel itself because it is channel stabilization at that point. Director Lucas said he was not aware that pipes could be put in for channel stabilization. Kevin said the pipe already exists, so we are eliminating the erosion caused by the outflow, then it is channel stabilization. We have to address some items up in the road as well for which we will be using the Fabco catch basin inserts upgradient to get some water quality treatment, eliminate the channel and allow the flows to bypass this property owner's concerns. The property owner is interested in seeing a planting plan and would like to see pachysandra over the hillside. Kevin is looking at which plants can be put in there that can succeed. This is a heavily wooded area where nothing will grow, so pachysandra is probably the best option. It is going to take some time to fill in because we are not planting plugs on the hillside. Kevin indicated that he will keep moving Years 1-10 ahead and will look towards what new projects he can move forward with next year for Years 11-15, once we have the funding in place. Vincent Giorgio asked when Kevin will have the final phosphorus reduction number for years 1-10. Kevin indicated that June of 2026 is a realistic estimate.

# 5) O & M Program Update

Kevin said that towns should be doing their final inspections at this time. A notice went out to all Westchester municipalities reminding them that the agreement that was in place with Westchester County to support municipalities for O&M will no longer be active. All of those funds have been used. Maintenance for 2025 is not covered under that agreement. Everybody will have to make sure they have budgeted anything that is needed for their monetary responsibility to the Corporation. He did his best to highlight the monetary responsibility as many times as he could in that letter so that it will ring a bell in everybody's mind when reading that document. It provided a history of what everybody has spent to date for their monetary responsibility so that you have an idea of what to expect when the bills go out in April of 2026. The cost of maintenance will continue to increase because the more projects are installed, the more will need to be maintained. With that in mind, as part of the project selection that we have for years 11-15, we are going to do our best to try to cut back on any maintenance requirements you might have. One technique to consider is what projects are currently installed and what we might be able to do to supplement existing projects so that whoever is doing the maintenance only has to visit one site. For example, if you have 5 existing sites in your town, instead of having an additional 5 new sites, you will only have 5 sites to visit. If you have an eroded channel that we already have phosphorus reduction credit for, by putting another practice ahead of that eroded channel, we can get additional phosphorus reduction credit then whoever is doing the maintenance only has to visit one site. It will no longer be a matter of having to mobilize and revisit another site. We will work with the NYSDEC to make sure they are comfortable with that so we can have it in writing. They encouraged Kevin to put treatments in front of any eroded channels that we are addressing so we could get credit for channel stabilization as well as treating the water quality value. He will continue moving forward with that. No large items have come back for O&M, nor have any questions been asked, but typically we might get them in

December when the town O&M submissions begin coming in.

# 6) Checks and vouchers

Monthly vouchers were signed. No action was taken.

# 7) Other business

No other business was brought forward.

8) Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Director Goncalves, seconded by Alternate Daley; all in favor. Adjourned 10:25 AM.

