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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

9:30 A.M., Thursday, July 23, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Voting Members in Attendance: Richard Williams, Sr. (Town of Patterson) for himself and Michael Cazzari (Town of Carmel); Robert Scorrano (Town of Somers); Ellen Calves (Town of Bedford); Lauri Taylor (Village of Pawling); Warren Lucas (Town of North Salem); Tony Goncalves (Town of Lewisboro);

Others in Attendance: Neal Tomann (Putnam County); Millie Magraw (Westchester County); Christine Chale (Corporate Counsel); Cassondra Britton (Corporate Counsel); Vincent Giorgio (NYCDEP); Steve Cutignola (NYCDEP); Kevin Fitzpatrick (EOHWC); Keith Giguere (EOHWC); Linda Matera (EOHWC)

2) Approve Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2026

Motion by Director Goncalves, second by Director Lucas to approve the meeting minutes of June 25, 2026; all in favor.

3) Financial Update

Keith Giguere reported that as of June 30, total cash on hand was $11,025,000, consisting of $9,000,000 in FAD-related funds. Outstanding commitments totaled $869,000. Our commitments have decreased to approximately $751,000. An outstanding commitment of just under $300,000 is in the FAD basins.

4) Amended 401(k) Plan Documents

Keith explained that the 401(k) document presented today is related to changes in federal law related to Cassondra Britton explained that the Corporation's retirement plan must be updated to ensure compliance with current requirements. She noted that Keith had contacted Human Interest to obtain the updated plan documents and that the revisions presented to the committee would ratify those updates. Under the revised plan, any employer matching contribution will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors, rather than being tied to the percentage specified in the previous agreement. If approved by the committee, the changes will be recommended to the Board of Directors for final authorization.

Christine Chale recommended that the employer matching contribution be formally confirmed each year as part of the budget approval process so there is a clear record of the benefit being offered. Keith added that Human Interest had recommended including a memorandum with the annual plan documents, summary, and employee report to explain the Board-approved matching contribution for the upcoming year.

The committee also discussed updating the plan trustee, replacing Director Lucas with Director Calves. Christine advised Keith to confirm with Human Interest whether the Corporation's existing fidelity coverage satisfies the plan's requirements or whether a separate fidelity bond is necessary. Keith responded that Human Interest obtains an ERISA bond as part of the plan administration. Cassondra requested that Keith obtain and provide additional details regarding the ERISA bond secured through Human Interest.

Motion by Director Lucas, seconded by Director Goncalves to forward the 401(k) Plan Documents to the Board of Directors for approval at the August 4, 2026 meeting; all in favor.

5) Project Update
Kevin Fitzpatrick reported that significant progress has been made in preparation for the Years 11–15 program. He informed the Board that a kickoff meeting was held with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to discuss contract requirements and implementation of the new $10 million funding agreement. The initial payment under the agreement will be $1.5 million.

Kevin explained that the Corporation will coordinate these funds with the available Westchester and Putnam County WQIP funding to begin issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for project design and to advance new projects. Before doing so, he plans to meet with as many municipal supervisors as possible to review previously identified eligible projects and discuss any new project opportunities that have emerged over the past two years.

Kevin stated that the goal is to prioritize non-FAD projects whenever possible, while remaining prepared to address FAD-eligible projects as needed. He noted that future funding may be limited to FAD-related work, making it advantageous to utilize the current funding for non-FAD projects where appropriate.

He further explained that the Corporation intends to maintain a focused list of projects during the initial phase of the new funding agreement. Because the updated agreement includes substantially more administrative requirements and documentation, it would be impractical to initiate a large number of design projects simultaneously. As the Corporation becomes more familiar with the new process, project activity can be expanded throughout 2027. Kevin added that he is excited about several promising projects currently under consideration and will begin meeting with municipalities, starting with those in Westchester County, to determine which projects should move forward.

Kevin also provided an update on active construction projects. He reported that construction is being advanced for nearly all projects scheduled for this fall. He highlighted the **Kent-MB-1000** project, noting that the site was significantly impacted by a recent storm that produced approximately six inches of rainfall. Although the stormwater retrofit functioned as designed, the intensity of the storm caused erosion and sediment issues at the active construction site, resulting in cleanup work.

Kevin stated that several residents had contacted him regarding the site conditions. He believes the issues are manageable and plans to meet on-site with the project engineer and contractor to promptly address the storm damage and stabilize the site before additional severe weather occurs.

In response to a question from Director Lucas regarding the adequacy of the riprap, Kevin explained that installation of the riprap, swales, pipes, and channel improvements required disturbing a considerable amount of land. While the riprap and swales generally performed well, a few areas required minor repairs. Most of the remaining issues resulted from recently seeded areas that had not yet become fully established before the heavy rainfall occurred. He noted that much of the grass had been planted in May and June and was performing well until the storm caused washouts. Cleanup and stabilization efforts are underway to restore the affected portions of the project.

6) O & M Program Update
Kevin Fitzpatrick acknowledged that local highway departments are currently focused on cleanup efforts following the recent storm event but emphasized the importance of inspecting stormwater retrofit projects to ensure they remain functional. He noted that he will also inspect the retrofits during his field visits to verify that they are operating as intended. As an example, Kevin explained that several catch basins in the Town of Kent became clogged with mud and debris during the storm. When upstream infrastructure becomes obstructed, downstream stormwater retrofits cannot function properly. He noted that these systems are not designed to withstand the increasingly frequent extreme storm events and stressed the need for regular

inspections and maintenance to keep the projects operating effectively and to prepare for future storms.

Kevin stated that, over the coming weeks, he plans to meet with participating municipalities to discuss upcoming projects and hopes those meetings will include both Town Supervisors and Highway Superintendents. He said the recent storm provides an opportunity to gather valuable feedback from municipal staff who were directly involved in responding to the event and have firsthand knowledge of local drainage issues. He encouraged municipal officials to keep these discussions in mind and said he would be reaching out to schedule meetings soon.

Director Taylor reported that numerous trees had fallen into streams within the Village of Pawling during the storm and that many had not yet been removed, creating the potential for additional flooding and drainage problems. Kevin noted that many municipalities are experiencing similar challenges and said the Corporation should continue monitoring conditions and identify opportunities to improve stormwater management. He remarked that forecasts call for continued severe weather and explained that future project designs should focus on increasing infiltration and capturing additional runoff where feasible. While acknowledging that stormwater retrofits cannot prevent flooding during exceptionally large rainfall events, he said incorporating greater subsurface infiltration into project designs can help reduce runoff volumes.

7) Authorize Amendment to Corporation Agreements

a) Westchester County

Director Williams presented the resolution to authorize the second amendment to the Corporation Agreement with Westchester County.

Motion by Director Calves, seconded by Director Scorrano to recommend the authorization of the second amendment to the Corporation Agreement with Westchester County.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2012, the County of Westchester (the "County") and East of Hudson Watershed Corporation ("EOHWC") entered into an agreement in which the County transferred to the Corporation the sum of Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00) (the "WQIP Funds") to facilitate the administration, design, construction management, construction, and operation and maintenance of certain eligible projects included in the Stormwater Management Plan, for the operation and maintenance of eligible stormwater retrofit projects for years 1-5 (the "Original Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amendment dated as of August 30, 2016 ("2016 Amendment"), the County of Westchester extended the Original Agreement to carry over the WQIP funds for the operation and maintenance of eligible stormwater retrofit projects for years 6-10; and

WHEREAS, a form of Second Amendment and Supplement to the Corporation Agreement is on file with the Secretary ("Second Amendment") to provide for extension of the Westchester Agreement, as extended by the 2016 amendment, for a further five year period as to all remaining WQIP funds, and to provide for distribution by the County to the Corporation of an additional amount of $2,000,000 in WQIP Funds available to Westchester County as described in the Second Amendment, and to authorize the use of such Additional WQIP Funds by the Corporation toward the administration, design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance of stormwater retrofit projects, including administrative expenses associated therewith, identified within the third five-year stormwater retrofit plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation hereby recommends approval of the Second Amendment substantially in the form on file and recommends the President or Vice President be authorized to execute the same and to take any and all further steps as necessary to implement said Revised Corporation Agreement.

Motion passed; all in favor. R-0723-03

b) Putnam County

Director Williams presented the resolution to authorize the second amendment to the Corporation Agreement with Putnam County. Motion by Director Calves, seconded by Director Scorrano to recommend the authorization of the second amendment to the Corporation Agreement with Putnam County.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2012, the County of Putnam ("Putnam") and EOHWC entered into an agreement in which Putnam transferred to the Corporation the sum of Eight Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($8,200,000.00) (the "WQIP Funds") to facilitate the administration, design, construction management, construction, and operation and maintenance of certain eligible projects included in the Stormwater Management Plan, for the operation and maintenance of eligible stormwater retrofit projects for years 6-10 (the "Putnam Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amendment dated as of May 10, 2016 ("2016 Amendment"), the County of Putnam extended the Putnam Agreement to carry over the WQIP funds for the operation and maintenance of eligible stormwater retrofit projects for years 6-10; and

WHEREAS, EOHWC desires that the Original Agreement, as extended by the 2016 Amendment, be further extended for an additional five-year period as to all remaining WQIP funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Original Agreement, as so extended and to further include additional funding (the "Revised Corporation Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, a form of Second Amendment and Supplement to the Corporation Agreement is on file with the Secretary ("Second Amendment") to provide for extension of the Putnam Agreement, as extended by the 2016 amendment, for a further five year period as to all remaining WQIP funds, and to provide for distribution by the County to the Corporation of an additional amount of $1,500,000 in WQIP Funds available to Putnam County as described in the Second Amendment, and to authorize the use of such Additional WQIP Funds by the Corporation toward the administration, design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance of stormwater retrofit projects, including administrative expenses associated therewith, identified within the third five-year stormwater retrofit plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation hereby recommends approval of the Second Amendment substantially in the form on file and recommends the President or Vice President be authorized to execute the same and to take any and all further steps as necessary to implement said Revised Corporation Agreement.

Motion passed; all in favor. R-0723-02

8) August Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Director Williams presented the draft Board of Directors meeting agenda and asked whether there were any questions, additions, or deletions. Christine Chale recommended adding an agenda item to elect a replacement member to the Governance Committee.

Motion by Director Williams, seconded by Director Goncalves, the Board approved the agenda as amended to include the election of a Governance Committee member; all in favor.

9) Checks and vouchers
Monthly vouchers were signed. No action was taken.

10) Other business
Director Williams noted that representatives from Riverkeeper were not in attendance as previously planned. He asked whether the Board was agreeable to inviting them to attend the August meeting. Members expressed their support for extending the invitation.

Keith Giguere provided an update on Comptroller recruitment. He reported that, of all the resumes received, three candidates were invited to interview. One candidate did not respond, while the other two withdrew shortly before their scheduled interviews. As a result, the position will be re-advertised with an upgraded advertising package to expand its geographic reach.

Director Williams asked whether the position could also be advertised through any professional trade organization. Christine suggested distributing the posting through the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), noting that its website and newsletters are likely to reach qualified candidates. Keith responded that the position had only been advertised on the Corporation's website and through Indeed. Director Calves added that the vacancy had also been included in the Town of Bedford newsletter.

11) Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Director Williams, seconded by Director Scorrano; all in favor. Adjourned 10:01 AM.

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PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the July 23, 2026 meeting minutes approved by the Executive Committee.

Richard Williams, Sr., President

8/27/26
Date

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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the July 23, 2026 meeting minutes approved by the Executive Committee.

JoAnne Daley
JoAnne Daley, Secretary

August 31, 2026
Date