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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
9:30 A.M., Thursday, October 22, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Voting Members in Attendance: Richard Williams, Sr. (Town of Patterson); 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: Christine Chale (Counsel) via Zoom; Matthew Castro (Westchester County) via Zoom; Neal Tomann (Putnam County); Vincent Giorgio (NYCDEP); Steve Cutignola (NYCDEP); Kevin Fitzpatrick (EOHWC); Keith Giguere (EOHWC) via Zoom; Vanessa Kressman (EOHWC); Linda Matera (EOHWC)

2) Approve Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2026

Motion by Director Taylor, second by Director Goncalves to approve the meeting minutes of September 24, 2026; all in favor.

3) Financial Update

Vanessa Kressman reported that, as of September 30, 2026, the Corporation had approximately $11 million in total cash, consisting of $9.1 million in FAD funds and $1.9 million in WQIP funds. Total interest income was $298,000, of which $179,000 was investment-related. Outstanding commitments totaled $748,836, including approximately $293,724 related to FAD. Checks issued during October totaled $33,114, and total FAD expenditures for September were $2,687. Vanessa also reported that the Corporation received $1.5 million in funding from NYC DEP on October 1 for the SWP-113 contract.

Director Lucas asked whether the $10 million in FAD funding could be used in FAD-connected basins. Kevin Fitzpatrick explained that the funding was divided into two categories: one specifically designated for FAD basins, with a requirement to enter into contracts totaling $7 million within the Boyds Corners, West Branch, Croton Falls, and Cross River basins, and an additional $15 million available for other areas within FAD-connected basins. Vincent Giorgio clarified that the $10 million associated with the SWP-113 contract was not ultimately FAD funding from New York City. He noted that the CRO-574 contract discussed by Kevin was FAD-related. Director Lucas then asked whether the remaining FAD funds would be taken back. Director Williams stated that preliminary discussions were underway to roll over the remaining balance of the CRO-574 contract, estimated at approximately $6 million. When Director Lucas asked where the rollover funds could be used, Vincent explained that the funds would remain FAD-restricted based on their funding source but could be used in both FAD and FAD-connected basins.

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4) Reporting and Filing Dates

Linda Matera reported that most annual reporting and filing requirements have been completed. Third-quarter payroll filings were submitted on October 12, and the 2027 Budget was completed and submitted to the ABO on October 16, ahead of the November 1 deadline. The reporting schedule also includes invoicing and reporting requirements associated with the NYC DEP SWP-113 contract, with the first annual budget submission due March 1, 2027. Kevin Fitzpatrick noted that the SWP-113 contract has numerous detailed requirements and reported that a meeting has been scheduled with NYC DEP to review the requirements and ensure that all necessary submissions are completed on time.

5) Project Update

Kevin Fitzpatrick reported that he continues to advance projects on the spreadsheet toward construction. Several channel stabilization projects have shown increased phosphorus reduction estimates following updated evaluations of existing bank and channel conditions. Due to erosion resulting from conditions over the past three years, some projects are now expected to achieve significantly greater phosphorus reductions than originally estimated. Kevin noted that these revised estimates are based on measurements and evaluations accepted by NYSDEC. A key example is project L-CR-804 on Tarry-a-bit Drive in Lewisboro, where the estimated phosphorus reduction increased from 27 kilograms to 50 kilograms. The engineer has re-evaluated the site conditions, and the project is being prepared for final construction documents, with construction anticipated over the winter. Kevin noted that the current total phosphorus reduction target for credits being banked is approximately 962 kilograms and estimated that the total could approach 1,000 kilograms as projects are finalized. These additional credits would help reduce the amount of phosphorus reduction needed for Years 11–15.

Kevin also reported that Yorktown recently addressed an erosion problem without notifying EOHWC. Fortunately, the work was already included in the Years 6–10 Workplan, allowing the Corporation to claim approximately 8 kilograms of phosphorus reduction credit without additional work. He emphasized that municipalities should notify EOHWC when they undertake erosion repairs, including work funded through FEMA or other assistance programs, so the Corporation can seek appropriate phosphorus reduction credits. Kevin will send a letter to municipal highway departments reminding them of the importance of reporting these projects.

Director Goncalves asked about the outstanding permits for project L-CR-1001 at Waccabuc Country Club in Lewisboro. Kevin explained that he had met with the Planning Department approximately one month earlier and that the wetlands and stormwater approvals remained pending. The project can proceed administratively without returning to the Planning Board. Insite Engineering needs to make minor revisions, after which the project should be positioned for winter construction.

Christine Chale reminded the group that the installation agreement for L-CR-804 on Tarry-a-bit Drive must be re-signed before construction bids are solicited. Kevin acknowledged this requirement and explained that, given the changes in site conditions and project scope, updated information from the engineer will be necessary.

Vincent Giorgio raised a concern that CRO-574 funds should not be used beyond the Years 5–10 program. Kevin explained that NYC DEP had previously allowed EOHWC a 10% flexibility margin when adjusting project estimates, recognizing that achieving exactly 920 kilograms of phosphorus reduction was not always feasible and that some projects remained underway. Vincent agreed that

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flexibility was necessary but emphasized that once the phosphorus reduction goal is reached, EOHWC should not begin additional projects using those funds. He clarified that projects already underway should not be divided, but spending should not continue beyond the required target. Kevin stated that EOHWC would make every effort to get as close to the 920-kilogram target as possible while managing the remaining projects and associated credits. Vincent further noted that the new SWP-113 contract is tied to the DEC-approved Workplan. Any proposed use of SWP-113 funds for projects would need to be brought to NYSDEC's attention and receive the necessary approval.

6) Reject Construction Bids/PW-MB-1000

Kevin Fitzpatrick reported that the bids for the Lake Dutchess project (PW-MB-1000), received in early October, must be rejected because the property owner is no longer willing to grant the required easement. Although the owner had initially agreed to proceed and requested that construction be expedited for the fall, concerns arose during the final review of the installation agreement. Kevin will work with Counsel to address these concerns and may revisit the project in the spring. Since the project is in a FAD-connected basin, EOHWC would prefer to use FAD funding rather than WQIP funds.

Director Williams recommended exploring ways to minimize financial exposure on future projects, including completing a 30% design before proceeding and seeking reimbursement for design costs if a project cannot move forward. Kevin will consider additional safeguards, such as a memorandum of understanding, while noting the challenges of securing property owner commitments early in the process. He also noted that opportunities for projects on public property are becoming increasingly limited.

Motion by Director Scorrano, seconded by Director Lucas to reject construction bids for the Lake Dutchess project PW-MB-1000.

WHEREAS, EOHWC is assisting its member municipalities, of which County of Putnam (the "Municipality") is one, in complying with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems General Permit No. GP-0-24-001 ("MS4 Permit") by the design and installation of stormwater retrofit projects approved by NYSDEC; and

WHEREAS, EOHWC is undertaking a stormwater retrofit project involving the installation of catch basins within Dutchess Drive, with stormwater piping to connect them to a bio-filtration system (the "Project") located at 19 Dutchess Drive, Pawling, NY 12564 (the "Property"), all in accordance with plans, contract documents and specifications, including addenda (collectively "Contract Documents") prepared by HVEA Engineers ("HVEA"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was publicly advertised on the EOHWC website as well as in the standard local print publication and 4 bids were received and publicly read aloud at the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation ("EOHWC") offices at 2 Route 164, Suite 2, Patterson, NY 12563 on October 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has determined that rejection of all bids is in the best interests of the Corporation; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Executive Committee of EOHWC's Board of Directors, that all bid submissions for the Project are hereby rejected.

Motion passed; all in favor. R-1022-01

7) O & M Program Update

Kevin Fitzpatrick will be removing the O&M Program Update from future Executive Committee agendas, as the item was originally included to remind municipalities of their operations and maintenance responsibilities, but generally does not generate discussion. Christine Chale recommended retaining the item on the quarterly Board of Directors agenda to maintain awareness of O&M obligations among the full Board. Kevin agreed with the recommendation.

8) Checks and vouchers

Monthly vouchers were signed. No action was taken.

9) Other business

Director Williams inquired about the status of the NYCDEP rollover agreement. Vincent Giorgio reported that the agreement is currently being drafted by legal counsel.

Director Williams reported that he met with Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Garigliano the previous day in Valhalla and had a positive discussion. He noted that one of her priorities is addressing increasing chloride levels in the water, particularly in reservoirs, and that she hopes EOHWC will support efforts to address concerns associated with road salt and water softener salt. Director Lucas noted that North Salem uses brine, while Director Williams stated that Patterson uses a combination of sand and salt to improve traction.

Director Taylor asked about the recent meeting with Riverkeeper. Director Williams reported that the meeting went well, although the next steps remain unclear. Riverkeeper expressed interest in working with EOHWC and participating in a roundtable symposium proposed by NYSDEC. Riverkeeper also remains interested in collaborating with EOHWC and NYSDEC on the implementation plan. However, Director Williams noted that the parties continue to have differing perspectives on the approach.

Kevin Fitzpatrick observed that there appears to be shared concern about whether current municipal efforts are achieving the results expected by NYCDEP and NYSDEC. He stated that if existing practices are not sufficiently effective, alternative approaches may need to be considered, although the extent of the differences among the parties remains to be determined.

Director Taylor noted that NYSDEC has not provided EOHWC with updated information since 2003. Director Williams responded that NYCDEP continues to monitor reservoir conditions and phosphorus concentrations. He questioned the lack of measurable improvement despite the significant funding and work undertaken since NYCDEP regulations were introduced in 1997 and watershed plans were updated in the early 2000s. He emphasized the need for evidence that these efforts are producing the intended water quality improvements.

10) Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Director Goncalves, seconded by Director Taylor; all in favor. Adjourned 10:27 AM.

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