

TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

April 17, 2023

Meeting held at Lake Source Cooling Facility following a tour
Final Minutes

Attendance

Member		Seat	Member		Seat
Annie Bastoni	P	At-Large	Brian Rahm	E	Environment
Shawn Bossard	P	Agriculture	Stephanie Redmond	E	At-Large
Cynthia Brock	P	Municipal	Steve Riddle	A	Water Purveyor
Liz Cameron	P	Co. Environmental Health	Linda Wagenet	E	At-Large
Susan Currie	E	County Government	David Wolfe	P	Environmental Management Council
Jenna DeRario	P	Cooperative Extension	Douglas Barnes	P	<i>Associate</i>
Kristen Hychka	E	Municipal Government	Roxy Johnston	E	<i>Associate</i>
Darby Kiley	P	County Planning & Sustain.	Lynn Leopold	P	<i>Associate</i>
Patrick King	P	Business & Industry	Rebecca Minas	E	<i>Associate</i>
Liz Kreitinger	P	Watershed Organization	Elaine Quaroni	P	<i>Associate</i>
Jon Negley	P	Soil & Water Cons. District	Grascen Shidemantle	A	<i>Associate</i>
Holly Payne	E	At-Large	Tom Vawter	E	<i>Associate</i>
Frank Proto	A	At-Large			

Guests: Veronica Pillar

Following the tour of the Lake Source Cooling Facility

Call to Order/Agenda Review – Chair Cynthia Brock called the meeting to order at 4:25pm. No changes to agenda.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Report/Action: Letter to NYS DEC Regarding a Clean Water Plan for Cayuga Lake

The Monitoring Partnership and other watershed groups discussed a sign-on letter to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the status of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Total Phosphorus for Cayuga Lake. The letter urges the DEC and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to update the Cayuga Lake community on the TMDL and to finalize a Clean Water Plan for Cayuga Lake. The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network’s board thought it would be more powerful to send multiple letters, so the WRC’s proposed letter uses the same bulleted points as letters sent by other partners but emphasizes the Council’s past efforts to conduct community outreach on water quality issues, engage with the DEC on watershed management priorities and decision-making, and relay stakeholder concerns with the TMDL as a tool for Cayuga Lake.

Action: Liz Cameron made a motion, seconded by David Wolfe, to endorse and send a letter requesting that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency engage with the Cayuga Lake community on the status of a Clean Water Plan for Cayuga Lake and prioritize and expedite the completion of said Clean Water Plan. All members voted in favor.

Action: Approval of draft minutes – March 2023 meeting minutes were approved (moved by Shawn Bossard, seconded by Annie Bastoni) as submitted.

Staff Report

Darby Kiley updated the group on the upcoming April 26-27 FEMA flood map open houses.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm.