

***Stormwater Coalition of Albany County  
Board of Directors***

**Friday, March 21, 2025  
Municipal Center  
19 George St, Green Island, NY  
8:38am to 9:49am**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Board of Directors Attending:**

Peter Beck, City of Albany (Board alternate)  
Eric Johnson, Town of Bethlehem  
Garry Nathan, City of Cohoes (Board alternate, note taker)  
Zach Harrison, Town of Colonie  
Maggie Alix, Village of Green Island  
Tod Ward, Village of Green Island  
Ken Kolvachek, Town of Guilderland  
Doug LaGrange, Town of New Scotland (Chairperson)

**Also Present:**

Gabrielle Krupa, Coalition Stormwater Program Director

**Absent:**

Pat Curran, Albany County  
Brad Bunzey, University at Albany – SUNY  
Mike Fagnoli, City of Watervliet  
Frank Fazio, Village of Voorheesville (Board alternate)  
Dave Ognan, Village of Menands

**Quorum was not met. This was an informal informational meeting only. No votes were made.**

**I. Approval of January 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

Quorum was not met. Meeting minutes were not approved. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

**II. Reports**

**A. Coalition Administration**

**1. 2025 Budget report**

As of March 21, 2025, 11.9% of the budget has been spent.

There is a remaining balance of \$47,570 in the Temp Help line. This is reserved for our GIS interns that will be starting working beginning April.

No money has been spent yet out of the Office Supplies line, but Gabby (Coalition Director) is planning to make purchases in the near future,

There is a remaining balance of \$757.94 in the Computer Supplies line. Money has been spent here for GIS credits and more credits needed to be purchases recently.

There is a remaining balance of \$555 in Conference, Training, and Tuition. This can be put towards any 4Hr training course.

## **2. Quarter 1 Management and Budget Meeting**

The Director met with members of Albany County Management and Budget to go over quarter one reports. There are currently no issues with the budget, and federal funds do not impact our department. Many of the agenda items did not apply to the Coalition as there are no amendments for grants, no unfunded NYS mandates, and no new programs anticipated. Gabby mentioned wanting to increase outreach methods as well as create an additional budget line exclusively for outreach materials. Sarah Cantwell from Management and Budget agreed to help with this matter. Lastly, the County is able to produce reusable bags with different logos on it to hand out at outreach events. Gabby will coordinate with Mary Rozak to create a Stormwater bag to hand out at events.

## **3. Trees for Tribs Interest**

Trees for Tribs is a program funded by NYSDEC to help protect and restore streamside buffers. They offer free native plants and shrubs to qualifying planting projects in the Hudson River estuary watershed. Laura DeGaetano, had suggested a site located in Voorheesville in the past. This site was located north of Pine Street and Krystal Lane in Voorheesville. Ken Kovalchek from Town of Guilderland expressed interest in finding a site in Guilderland. He will look into potential sites and let the Director know what he comes up with.

## **B. 2025 Work Plan**

### **1. Key Items**

### **2. Proposed Schedule**

Current MS4 Permit GP-0-24-001 immediate items include that the annual report submission is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Working Group meeting topics have centered around the 2 year requirements as well as going over the annual report form. The 2 year requirements include:

VI.C.1.e.	Develop and implement a monitoring locations inspection and sampling program	Within two (2) years of the EDC
VI.C.2.	Develop and implement an illicit discharge track down program	Within two (2) years of the EDC
VI.C.3.	Develop and implement an illicit discharge elimination program	Within two (2) years of the EDC
VI.F.2.b.i.	Develop inventory of municipal facilities	Within two (2) years of the EDC

Additional topics to be discussed include:

- Target Audience Discussion and Worksheet
- Moving Coalition boxes from Laura DeGaetano's office back to the Coalition office
- Updating Albany County Stormwater Management Policy Document from 2016
- Albany County Outfall inspections, PCSMP Inspections, Ann Lee Pond Outreach
- Outreach events for Spring
  - Tulip Festival May 10-11 – will be tabling both days

- Coordinate with Albany Public Schools (First 2 Weeks of June) – going into the classroom and creating a stormwater presentation and activity.

### **III. Discussion/Decisions**

#### **A. 2026 Budget**

- 1. Current Budget**
- 2. Initial Thoughts for 2026**

The Board members were reminded of the current budget for 2025. When thinking about the 2026 budget the director posed that this budget be similar with only slight modest increases. There were no significant suggestions as to changes members would like to see in the 2026 budget.

#### **B. MS4 GP-0-24-001 Mapping**

- 1. Temp Employee Hire**
- 2. Current Mapping Tasks and Future**

The GIS interns – Pete Beck and Jared Flagler will begin work on April 4<sup>th</sup> with an orientation start date of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The current mapping tasks have been described and work will take place in the following municipalities: Altamont, Guilderland, Cohoes, and Voorheesville. They will begin their time as interns working on these tasks, and then the board will discuss what they will do next.

### **IV. Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 9:49am.

*These minutes were approved at the June 20th, 2025, Stormwater Coalition Board of Director's meeting.*