

**Minutes**  
**Black Creek Watershed Coalition**  
Thursday 5/13/2004  
Riga Town Hall

Present: Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Jennifer Balonek, Riga Conservation Board; Lyle Warren, Village of Churchville; Bob Eichenberger, Town of Byron; Maureen Leupold, GCC/Genesee County SWCD; Bob Wilkins, AFPB Monroe Co.; Heidi Bogner, NYS DEC; Robert Remillard USDA NRCS Lakes Plains RC&D; Caroline Myers, Monroe County SWCD

Guest: Jill Babinski, Genesee County SWCD

Action items are underlined throughout the minutes.

**1. Introductions, assignment of roles, questions about minutes**

Introductions were made and Jennifer Balonek was welcomed as a new member to the Black Creek Watershed Coalition. Dorothy Borgus was Chair, Bob Wilkins was Scribe, Maureen Leupold agreed to type the minutes and all were facilitators. The April minutes were accepted without changes.

**2. June 23 meeting preparation**

GCC will be the site of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The room, T119A & B, is in the Conable Technology building. It has access to the Internet, a document reader and computer projection equipment.

Paper copies of Whitey Autin's PowerPoint slide presentation were distributed for review. The group agreed that a 20-30 minute presentation would be sufficient. Maps to orient people to where they are located in the watershed should be included. (GCC's equipment can project either Internet images or paper maps through the document reader's camera). The group also suggested a browsing area where maps and reports could be laid out on tables and hung on the wall for people to look at. Following the presentation, a panel of BCWC members could answer questions and provide directions for future effort.

Rochelle and Heidi will find a DEC person to cover the flooding issues at this panel.  
This panel would request input for questions from the audience.

Robert Remillard will generate and plant some questions in the audience to stimulate discussions.

George Squires and Rochelle Bell will welcome the public back to the BCWC and give a quick timeline of activities.

Jennifer Balonek asked about signs on roads when people drive into the watershed. George Squires explained that some placements are illegal so Genesee County has not been able to put up the Oatka Creek watershed signs. Monroe County has some signs for the Genesee River Watershed. Signs are an Education subcommittee goal.

Panelist will start with a 3-5 minute discussion of their topic area and then open the discussion to the public. The following subjects and panelists were suggested:

Drainage: Joe Carr, Town of Chili (Rochelle will contact him) ***NOTE: Joe is unavailable that evening, but he will ask David Lindsey, his engineer to be there.***

DEC permits: Robert Shearer (Rochelle will contact him) ***NOTE: Bob is available that evening, and will be there.***

Public Education: Rochelle Bell

Natural Resources: Heidi Bogner and Charlie Kauf

Flooding: Robert Remillard (Rochelle will coordinate with Robert)

Flooding & stream corridor: Ken Avery (Rochelle will contact him)

### **3. Stream Survey presentation by Jill Babinski**

Jill Babinski, graduate student at SUNY Geneseo and. intern with Genesee County SWCD, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the results of her April 2004 Black Creek streambank erosion inventory and assessment. The presentation included slides of maps, photos and data of sites on Black Creek in Genesee County. A discussion followed regarding problem sites and remedial action to be considered. Homeowners mowing their lawns up to the stream's edge, which can lead to erosion, cause one of the most common problems seen along the creek.

### **4. Upcoming Events**

**Bergen Swamp Hike:** May 22, 2004, 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM. There are still spaces available to join this hike. Call Barbara Drake (585-548-7304). The Bergen Swamp Preservation Society sponsors this hike.

**Caring For Creeks:** June 2, 3, 5, 7 & 10. The June 7<sup>th</sup> activity featuring Great Lawns/Great Lakes will be in Genesee County. The site will be in Byron at CY Farms on Byron/Elba Town Line Road (North Byron Road and Transit). Many other events are planned in both Monroe and Genesee County. Contact Monroe County SWCD, 585-473-2120 extension 3, or go to the Water Education Collaborative website at [www.thewec.org](http://www.thewec.org).

**International Coastal Cleanup Event:** September 18, 2004. We need people to coordinate with the Water Education Collaborative regarding publicity and supplies and to identify sites where we will conduct the cleanup efforts.

### **5. Next Meeting (NOTE CHANGES): *Monday, June 14, 7:00 PM at Chili Library Meeting Room – the room to the right by the library desk.***