

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2014

Location: Chili Highway Garage
200 Beaver Road, Chili NY, 14428

Attendance: Roberta Ames, Village of Churchville; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; Thomas Klafehn, Town of Riga/MCSWD; Liza Norment, Conservation Connects; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili Highway Dept; Chuck Rettig, Town of Chili; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; George Thomas, CEI; Dena Van Curran, City of Rochester

1. Introductions:

- D Borgus called the meeting to order.
- September minutes were reviewed and changed as needed, R Ames moved to to approve the minutes, B Ostling 2nd motion, and all in favor.

2. Watershed Planning Update: BCWS Management Plan:

- G Squires believes BCWS will be relied on heavily when involved in presenting the management plan to municipalities, suggested we can personalize it to the municipalities and have a discussion with more direction from Genesee Regional Planning: i.e. what's the final document to present to the municipalities.
- G Squires suggests we need to be thinking about our role in going out and approaching municipalities.
- R Ames and D Borgus suggest we need to cover talking points.

3. Application for 501 (c)(3):

- L Warren could not attend tonight's meeting but emailed G Squires stating he is filling out IRS 1023 form and will be meeting with Julia Garver to make sure the documents are completed.

4. Black Creek Monitoring by NYSDEC:

- Nancy Rice (she investigates CAFOs) from the DEC Region 8 Division of Water was on a conference call with Craig Jackson and G Squires. C Jackson is doing water quality monitoring for the DEC near the Bergen wastewater treatment plant and near Byron wastewater treatment facilities; they have 3 large sand filters, the one in S Bryon is a proposed target for P discharge limit if EPA approves TMDL. C Jackson also monitored 2 tributary streams that had high P levels (not labeled tributary streams however), one drains through a small dairy farm, which no (CAFO) permit is associated with it due to falling below livestock number threshold. The other drains cropland associated with three other large farm operations.

- **A.I. G Squires will do more investigating to see why P level is so high in those tributaries.**

5. Black Creek GLRI Projects Completed:

- Grant did not run out by September 30, 2014, has been extended to September 30, 2015.
- \$261,494 remains, \$274,506 was spent.
- Two projects in Genesee County:
 - Boldt Farms: 7 control basins were installed and strip cropping was installed as well, estimated soil savings of 252 tons, project was done in 2012.
 - L-Brooke Farms: Had significant gully erosion, a road culvert dumped water down a steep slope into the creek. It was fixed by putting in drop inlet with an underground outlet, which caught water coming off of culvert then the gully was filled in. Can now farm the entire field once again. Estimated soil savings of 1,253 tons.
- Cost sharing completed both the above projects.

5a. C Rettig had questions regarding the NYS DEC and Hydrofracking.

- He mentioned that the DEC is disbursing hydrofracking waste water from PA for road control and he wanted to know should this be protected and is it going to affect the BCWS?
- G Squires stated it is up to each municipality whether or not to use it, however, NYS can use it on state highways.

6. Next Meeting:

- Thursday November 20, 2014 at 5:30pm at Waste Management in Riga.

8. Adjournment:

- D Borgus called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.