

**Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015**

Location: Chili Highway Garage, 200 Beaver Road, Chili

Attendance: Roberta Ames, Churchville PB; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; Tucker Kautz, Monroe County SWCD; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili; Fran Reese, Ogden Resident; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Lyle Warren, Churchville ZBA

Meeting opened at 5:39 p.m.

Meeting minutes of October 29, 2014, were approved as presented.

Black Creek Watershed Management Plan Review of the “Memorandum of Understanding for Black Creek Watershed Municipalities”

- Needs input from Genesee/ Finger Lakes Regional Planning.
- David Zorn applied for a grant to implement the plan, but it was not funded.
- George would like to investigate “Where are we?” with Zorn and the Department of State, who now has the Plan.
- Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council was awarded a \$3,000,000 Empire State Development grant for a project entitled “GAIN Revolving Loan Fund: Growing the Ag Industry Now”. It is a revolving loan fund for the agriculture industry of the nine-county region. This award was a 2014 Regional (Finger Lakes) Economic Development Council Award.
- The memorandum is basically the same as Oatka Creek's memorandum.
- Peter Lent at Oatka is tracking volunteer time, which may be used in the future.
- Desired changes to the memorandum suggested by Black Creek are in Paragraph 1 to read “in the Genesee River Basin of New York.” and III 5 (a) change five to four counties.
- Presently Monroe County has not replaced its representative on the Coalition.

Lyle Warren reported that the **Federal Filing** of our 501(c) 3 is in process. Julia Garver and Lyle will be meeting to file it online, wrap it up and then wait for approval.

Monitoring of Black Creek by NYSDEC was discussed. There is a tributary which this group does not know where it is. Steve Gladding from DEC in Albany reported to George that there is no decision yet from the EPA regarding the TMDL for Bigelow and Upper Black Creek. Kautz questioned the testing and modeling used. Fran asked if split lab testing was performed for quality control and stated Monroe County has this ability and may be willing to assist. George

said Genesee County SWCD is considering implementing a water quality monitoring program.

Black Creek GLRI Project PowerPoint was shared by George with the group showing how best management practices that were implemented during 2014.

2015 Meeting Dates List was circulated.

Next Meeting: Churchville Village Hall, East Buffalo Street, Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Adjournment: Motion made and meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Ames