

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTON

MINUTES

December 7, 2022

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY FOR THE PUBLIC, AND IN PERSON FOR VOTING MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Paul Granger, Chairman and Representative for the Long Island Water Conference
Jeffrey Szabo, Suffolk County Water Authority
Jason Belle, Vice- Chairman and Representing the Nassau- Suffolk Water Commissioner Association
Michael White, Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer
Brian Culhane, Suffolk County Soil & Water (arrived at 5:59pm)
Walter Dawydiak, Suffolk County Commissioner of Health (arrived at 5:38pm)
Dorian Dale, Suffolk County Executive's Office
Angela Pettinelli, Nassau County Department of Health Services
Chris Ostuni, Nassau County Presiding Officer

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Jennifer Pilewski, New York State Department of Conservation
Sarah Meyland, Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader

NON- VOTING MEMBERS

John Milazzo, Suffolk County Water Authority
Bilal Malik, Suffolk County Water Authority
Ty Fuller, Suffolk County Water Authority
Timothy Motz, Suffolk County Water Authority
Theodore Aponte, Suffolk County Water Authority
Adina Beedenbender, Suffolk County Water Authority
Patrick Brady, Suffolk County Water Authority

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM:

Gary Cuchi
Legislator Al Krupski
Mike Savarese
Frank DeMayo
Bob Santoriello
Kim Covell
Ron Busciolano (USGS)
Charles Savinetti
Daniel McGreevy
Mike Boufis
Mazda Riaz

Ralph Atoria, South Farmingdale Water Commissioner
Gerald Ottavino
Jamie Stanco

Mr. Granger opened the meeting at 5:36pm and thanked everyone for coming. Members of the board and representatives from the Suffolk County Water Authority introduced themselves. Mr. Granger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance before beginning the meeting.

Mr. Granger presented the minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting for approval. On a motion made by Mr. White, and duly seconded by Mr. Belle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on September 7, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Granger then introduced Mr. Ty Fuller to present the financial report. Mr. Fuller stated the current balance in the LICAP account is \$54,300.28 with anticipated funds from Nassau County coming shortly, and an additional \$50K put into the 2023 budget but Suffolk County Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey. Once the anticipated funds are received, the balance in the account will be \$154,300.28

Mr. Fuller added, per the LICAP mandate, and internal audit will be conducted through SCWA, then sent to external auditors for review. Mr. Szabo asked what these audits have cost in the past, with Mr. Fuller responding approximately five thousand dollars. Mr. Szabo then clarified the process would be for an RFP to be issued through the Suffolk County Water Authority Purchasing Department and what would the time frame of the audit be. Mr. Milazzo responded; the audit would cover all transactions having taken place since the last audit.

After some discussion between members and Counsel Milazzo, on a motion made by Mr. Szabo, and duly seconded by Mr. Belle, and unanimously carried,

Whereas, the County of Suffolk has pledged to LICAP a grant of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be used as matching funds to pay for a Cornell Institute for Resource Information Sciences 'Potential Hazardous Disposal Site Identification Program study of current and historical images, and

Whereas, the Suffolk County Water Authority has agreed to provide the matching funds, and

Whereas, the County has determined that it cannot contract directly with LICAP or transfer the funds to LICAP and

Whereas, SCWA has agreed to apply to the County for the funds and administer the funds on behalf of LICAP for the study, and

Whereas, the County has not determined or informed LICAP whether the County will require LICAP to execute the County-SCWA agreement in some capacity, and

Whereas, LICAP deems it to be in interests to authorize its Chairperson to execute any documents required by the County to effect the transfer of the funds, now therefore be it

Resolved, the LICAP Chair is authorized to execute any and all documents, agreements, and instruments as approved by LICAP counsel required by the County to affect the transfer of the grant funds.

Mr. Fuller explained the production cost, for both the design and fifty copies of the State of the Aquifer report came in at Four Thousand, One Hundred, Fifty Dollars (\$4,150) with the vendor, June Rodgers. Requesting authorization to reimburse the Suffolk County Water Authority. On a motion made by Mr. Belle, and duly seconded by Mr. White, and unanimously carried, the reimbursement was approved.

Mr. White added he would like to thank the Suffolk County Water Authority for the effort they put into the report and all they do; sentiments echoed by other members of the board.

Ms. Pilewski updated the Board on the Groundwater Sustainability Project. Ms. Pilewski provided the following updates:

- Phase 1 drilling was completed in fall 2021 with about 20 new and leveraged well completed in western Long Island.
- We are currently drilling Phase 2 wells, focusing on Suffolk County. Five Phase 2 wells have been completed and the 6th well is in progress.
- The drilling has identified 2 new buried valleys in Kings County.
- The contact between the Magothy and Raritan formation have been delineated at higher resolution.
- New and legacy chloride data has been evaluated to better define the historical and present location of the saltwater interface.
- The framework report has been drafted and is undergoing internal review at USGS. We expect it to be published in about 6 months.
- The model has been developed and is in the final stages of calibration.
- DEC/USGS/Steering Committee have developed scenarios for the model and the scripts for those scenarios are currently being written.
 - Scenarios generally include increased and decreased water use, sea level rise, climate change, and the re-activation of the Jamacia water supply wells.
- We expect to be drafting the report for Phase 1 in the spring 2023 and releasing the report in late 2023.

Mr. Granger advised the LICAP legislation is scheduled to sunset next year, and we will be having a special meeting in January to discuss the mission of LICAP and steps moving forward. Mr. White suggested a subcommittee to discuss. Mr. White and Mr. Ostuni volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

On a motion by Mr. Szabo, and duly seconded by Mr. Belle, it was unanimously carried to approve the 2023 meeting schedule as follows:

March 8, 2023 @ 10am

June 7, 2023 @ 10am

September 6, 2023 @ 10am

December 6, 2023 @ 10am (include a public hearing for the State of the Aquifer report)

On a motion by Mr. Belle, and duly seconded by Mr. Szabo, it was unanimously carried that resolution was passed deeming the 2022 State of the Aquifer Report be accepted without further action of the Board, if no substantive comments are received by then as determined by the Chair in consultation with the Board.

There was no other business identified to discuss.

Public Comment: No comment.

With no other public comment or business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. White, and seconded by Mr. Dale, the meeting was adjourned.