

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTON

MINUTES

January 18, 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Jason Belle, Chairman and Representing the Nassau- Suffolk Water Commissioner Association
Paul Granger, Representative for the Long Island Water Conference
Jeffrey Szabo, Vice Chairman and Representing the Suffolk County Water Authority
Michael White, Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer
Brian Culhane, Suffolk County Soil & Water
Walter Dawydiak, Suffolk County Commissioner of Health
Dorian Dale, Suffolk County Executive's Office
Angela Pettinelli, Nassau County Department of Health Services
Chris Ostuni, Nassau County Presiding Officer
Derek Betts, Nassau County Soil & Water Conservation District

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Sarah Meyland, Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader
Rich Groh, Suffolk County Legislature Minority Leader
Brian Schneider, USGS

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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
Jackie Pfeuffer, Suffolk County Water Authority

Mr. Belle opened the meeting at 9:59am and thanked everyone for coming. Members of the board and representatives from the Suffolk County Water Authority introduced themselves. Mr. Belle led us in the Pledge of Allegiance before beginning the meeting.

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

Mr. Belle then introduced Mr. Ty Fuller to present the LICAP Update presentation. The presentation is attached for the record. Mr. Szabo added after nine years, the purpose is to review the reasons why we are here, the accomplishments and objectives, as well as the importance of LICAP.

There was discussion regarding the involvement of LINAP, site locations and completion of the subcommittee reports.

Mr. Dawydiak asked about the timing on IRIS. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Milazzo advised they are currently working on the contract with the County. Mr. Fuller will be looking for additional people to get started. Mr. Dawydiak added the Suffolk County Legislators would like to be part of the kickoff.

In the discussion regarding LINAP, Mr. Dawydiak suggested they revise the committee to get involved, as he and Mr. Dale had volunteered previously. Mr. Szabo suggested they both attend the next face to face meeting with the LINAP.

Regarding the committee reports, Mr. Szabo suggested in the past the board members have complied them. He asked if this is something we would like to send to RFP. Mr. White agreed, with Mr. Dale suggesting we get the RFPs and field the options. Mr. Szabo said the expectation is approximately \$50K to draft these reports. Ms. Meyland asked for the status of the reports and if they are posted on the website. Mr. Milazzo advised they do not currently exist, with Mr. Szabo adding it was part of the re-authorization list of goals. Mr. Fuller will circulate sections and coordinate list of committee volunteers.

Mr. Szabo shared the Suffolk County Water Authority will be presenting the Board with their Conservation plan with renewed enhancements, such as increases to rebates, an odd/even schedule for watering to be piloted in East End areas. Will circulate to the board members when adopted. Ms. Meyland suggested including not just an odd/even policy, but also a prohibition between 10am and 4pm, since it is the hottest part of the day.

Mr. Belle then asked Mr. Motz to present the State of the Aquifer report changes as submitted from Mr. White. Mr. Motz did a side-by-side comparison of the edits for the board's review. The final draft will be completed by the designer and up on the website tomorrow. Mr. White thanked Mr. Motz for the changes and hard work on the report.

Mr. Dale asked about the future of the tiered rate structure, and Mr. Szabo replied, stay tuned. Ms. Meyland asked, as a customer- the water treatment fund on the water bill- are these funds a separate account or are these funds simply earmarked? Mr. Szabo advised these funds are only used for water treatment but are not a separate earmarked account.

On a motion made by Mr. White, and duly seconded by Mr. Szabo, and unanimously carried, the State of the Aquifer report was approved.

Mr. Fuller advised the license renewal for Water Traq is coming up on February 26th for a total cost of \$3,188. On a motion made by Mr. Szabo, duly seconded by Mr. Granger, and unanimously

carried, the expenditure was approved. Mr. Granger added he and Mr. Belle will assist with compiling data.

On a motion by Mr. Szabo, and duly seconded by Mr. Granger, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44am.