

# ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

JUNE 15, 2010

Mayville, New York

**Members Present:** Doug Conroe (*Chair*), Bob Sundell, , Dave Wilson, Randy Peterson

**Excused:** Harry Centner, Kim Sherwood, Ruth Lundin, John Jablonski, Claire Quadri

**Others Present:** Christine Kinn, Bill Boria

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Doug Conroe called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. after a backup meeting space was found.

## 2. MINUTES REVIEW

Bill Boria moved and Randy Peterson seconded to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 27 and May 18 meetings.

## 3. CONTINUING BUSINESS

### CHAUTAUQUA LAKE WATERSHED ACTIVITY

#### CLMC

Dave Wilson gave the members an update on the watershed road signs. He found a company in Cattaraugus County that can produce them at a competitive price with quicker turn around time, smaller format but the same letter height, DOT compliant, and the colors they wanted. He'll be getting a sample next week.

#### WATERSHED PLAN JUNE 10 PUBLIC SESSION FOLLOW-UP

Members discussed the public meeting which was held at Fletcher Music Hall at Chautauqua Institution. Doug advised them that they have until Monday June 21 to submit any additional comments. Bill Boria suggested including a recommendation to have more rigorous sampling for phosphorus, and Doug suggested doing nitrogen too, at the three waste water treatment plants. Dave suggested clarification of the impacts from erosion on certain agricultural lands. No action was taken.

#### 2011 BED TAX APPLICATIONS

Dave reported that 22 applications have been received for the two percent bed tax project funding. The committee will be meeting to rank them after the next WQTF meeting next week.

### COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Chris Kinn reported on the status of the planning effort since the last meeting. Staff are compiling the results of the focus group and public meetings for the consultant, WRT, and a draft outline should be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks. She showed draft brochure samples that WRT has prepared for the County's use to promote the plan.

### WATERSHED EDUCATION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS PROGRAM

No report.

### NYSDEC ENB POSTINGS

Chris reviewed the notices since the last meeting, noting that there has been less state activity than usual lately. There was only one local project, a change in the emissions permit at Nestle Purina plant in Dunkirk. No action was taken.

### HIGHWAY ASH and CROP PLUS ACTIVITY

There was nothing to report at this time.

#### WINDPOWER PROJECTS STATUS

Doug said he has not heard anything from Westfield or Ripley. Dave mentioned that he had received a call from a property owner in the Arkwright area asking about valuing fruit trees. Based on that discussion, he said we may expect to hear of a spring start up for that project, which has been dormant for two years.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

##### PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF COUNTY FUNDING FOR SWCD

Dave Wilson reported that he's been advised that the County will be allocating the Soil and Water Conservation District zero dollars for 2011. The district receives \$30,000 from New York State and is authorized to earn income as long they don't infringe on the nursery trade. Without at least some funding from the County—in 2010 it was approximately \$92,000—the district will be forced to significantly reduce or eliminate services, although the board could continue to meet and the district remain in effect until such time as funding might be restored. Dave shared his strategy for appealing. Because the proposed zero budget for SWCD may not be public yet, there was consensus to not take action at this time.

##### BEMUS POINT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Doug showed a brochure that is being used for people to pledge contributions to improvement projects in Bemus Point. It can be inferred from the list that there will be environmental considerations in the proposed projects. Doug had sent a letter "some time ago" to Mike Rodgers, the chair of the group, and suggested that he could re-send it stressing the need for stormwater management and other environmental considerations. It was decided to hold off for now.

##### OUTDOOR WOOD BOILERS

Bill Boria reviewed the Farm Bureau's "talking points" regarding the new state regulations for outdoor wood burning boilers. He sent that out via email prior to the meeting. The list has a point by point response to the DEC regulations. COI will support the Farm Bureau's positions. There is a public hearing this Thursday June 17 at JCC North. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Related to this, Doug said that there have been 33% less grass fires reported this spring and that reduction is being attributed to the new restrictions on open burning.

#### 5. FROM THE FLOOR

There were no announcements or additional items.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**The NEXT MEETING will be held on JULY 20, 2010 at  
the CCIDA in Jamestown**

(Notes compiled by C. Kinn)