

**Minutes**  
**Chautauqua County Water Quality Task Force**  
**Frank Bratt Agricultural Center**  
**September 20, 2018**

**Call to Order:** by Chairman David Spann at 10:04 AM.

**WQTF Members Present:** David Spann, Cassandra Pinkoski, Joe Galati, Rhonda Lindquist, Tom Erlandson, John Jablonski, Bill Boria, David McCoy.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by J. Galati to approve the June & July meeting minutes. Seconded. Carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Member Comments**

1. J. Galati shared that the Village of Lakewood is working with Ecostrategies to construct a floodplain wetland along Crescent Creek (near the fire training center) to alleviate flooding. They are currently waiting on a wetland permit.
2. Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy – J. Jablonski reported that SUNY ESF Professor Greg Boyer will be at Prendergast Library in Jamestown on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to give a presentation of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and what causes them. Discussion on Bear Lake, Cassadaga Lakes and Chautauqua Lake conditions this past season and a comparison of the three.
3. Chautauqua County Department of Environmental Health – B. Boria reported that HABs are in the North Basin shoreline of Chautauqua Lake, even Mayville. Chautauqua Utility District started weekly sampling (since mid-July) for microcystins in raw and treated water. First time the toxins were detected in raw water samples (not treated water samples), the BOH not have Chautauqua Water District sample raw and treated water.
4. Chautauqua County Watershed Coordinator – D. McCoy shared the LEMC is collaborating with the CWC and SWCD for an education and outreach effort on the impacts of stormwater. Efforts include an informational video, stormwater drain labeling, and outreach at local events. Grant awards for funding (NYS P2I) are expected to be announced in October. He also shared that he reached out to Sam Lewis from Southern Tier West in regards to potential watershed applications of their drone. One focus could be to have the drone fly the South Basin shoreline of Chautauqua Lake to photograph. Chautauqua County Emergency Services also have a drone/pilots. Last night at PED Committee Meeting, D. McCoy presented an edited application form for the County 2% Bed Tax Program. It was well received. The Program has funded 95 projects since its inception in 2009.
5. Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District – D. Spann shared correspondence he recently received regarding an obstruction in Bemus Creek. Without landowner permissions and funding, there is little the SWCD can do to alleviate this concern. He also shared he will be meeting with NYS DOT tomorrow regarding the installation of a catch basin on Bemus Creek to reduce the build up of sediment at the mouth. State and County officials will also be in attendance. He recently attended a meeting with Senator Young's office regarding stormwater and erosion concerns in the Conewango Creek Watershed.

**Public Comments:** None.

***Next Meeting:***

Date: **Thursday October 18, 2018**  
Time: **10:00 AM**  
Place: **Frank W. Bratt Agricultural Center**

***Adjournment:*** Motion by J. Jablonski to adjourn. Seconded. Carried.

***C. Pinkoski- Recorder***

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