Minutes
CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION
Wastewater/Stormwater Committee Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Attendees: James Sofranko (Director), Joseph Cetta (Director), Tina Mole (Director), John Kosier (Director), Jeff Senterman (Director), Allen Hinkley (Director), Christopher Mathews (Director), Shilo Williams (DEP).

Others: John Mathiesen (CWC), Jason Merwin (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), Racheal Burger (CWC), Lindsay Ballard and Logan (CWC), Donald Brown (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Eric Lane (CWC), Jessica Fiedler (CWC), Lynn Kavanagh (CWC), Gemma Young (CWC), Barb Puglisi (CWC), Zach Baldwin-Way (CWC), Brian Sullivan (CWC), Innes Kasanof (Director), Rich Parete (Director), Alicia Terry (Director), George Haynes (Director), Arthur Merrill (Director), John Schwartz (DEP), Matt Gianetta (DEP), Aaron Bennett (DEP), Michael Meyer (DEP), Gerson Tavarez (DEP), Pat Palmer (NYSDOH), Mike Maloney (NYSDOH), Karen Stainbrook (NYSDEC), Kristina Gutchess (NYSDEC), John Wimbush (NYSDOS), Joan Lawrence-Bauer (Walton Reporter). Via Zoom; Tom Hoyt (Director), Nick Carbone (Watershed Affairs Coordinator), Pauline Wanjugi (NYSDOH), Tom Stalter (DEP), Dymitry Ostapyshyn (NYCDEP), Ted Nitza (Ulster County Civil Environmental Engineer), Henry Rich, Lindsay Drew (NYSDOS), Rena Baker.

A presentation was given by Zach Baldwyn-Way to the Committee regarding the new I-Pads and how to use them.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Sofranko at 9:08 AM.

I. Review minutes from March 3, 2026, meeting. Minutes approved as written by a motion from Allen Hinkley and the motion was seconded by Jeff Senterman Motion carried.

1. Community Wastewater Management Program

General Project Updates:

CWMP III

Halcottsville- Inspections to be completed in the spring and fall of 2026. Maintenance Bond is good through 2026.

Shokan- On August 10, 2020, the NYCDEP approved the Block Grant for the Shokan project for a total not to exceed $48,715,000.00. This will provide funding of a wastewater project for the Hamlet of Shokan and making modifications to the existing Boiceville WWTP.

It has been determined that the costs for this project will be closer to $75 million. The remaining funds that are needed for the project are being put into place by the City and the balance of funds needed will come out of CWC's CFF Program with that amount being used to be reimbursed to CFF once completed.

There is approximately a total of 525 lateral connections being projected for the hamlet of Shokan.

The current estimated flow for Shokan is 166,000 gpd.

There will be a total of 8 contracts, the last contract will be for approximately 41 water meters to be installed.

There will be 35 grinder pump stations proposed for the district.

Lamont has received the final NYSDEC approvals.

Lamont has received the work permit from NYSDOT regarding driveway access permit for pump station 1 and DOT has put a rush on the review of the permit and documents not realizing that this project had more than just one permit approval.

DEP was given final design plans with the DEP approval stamp incorporated on 11/24/25. DEP has provided the Land Use Permit and Carver staff have obtained their security clearances.

As of 03/16/2026, there are 338 of the 479 lateral access agreements signed, which is 70%.

Bidding for the project was published on September 23, 2025. Pre-Bid conferences were held on October 9, 2025, with bid openings held on October 30, 2025, and November 6, 2025. There are 8 separate contracts. Total of all low bids for contracts 1-8 are being shown at $74,428,196.00.

December 4, 2025 - NYCDEP sets the block grant for the Shokan project at $90,000.000.00 which will include design and construction phase engineering costs.

December 8, 2025 - Lamont Engineers and CWC staff provided a presentation to the Olive Town Board recommending awarding the bids to the lowest apparent bidders.

December 9, 2025 - Olive Town Board voted unanimously to award the bids to the low bidder's contingent on completion of the DEP contracting.

The Town of Olive completed and signed the Notices to Proceed at their January 13, 2026, meeting.

CWC is reviewing draft change orders received from the DEP, increasing Shokan Program Agreement and allowing transfer from the Cluster Septic Program.

When the final review is completed by the DEP a Zoom kick-off meeting with Lamont, all contractors, CWC and DEP will be held.

Layout and flagging of the force main/collection system line with GPS was started on 2/25/2026 by Carver Construction.

The issue of us working along State Rt. 28 and traffic exceeding the 45-mph speed limit was discussed and Supervisor James Sofranko noted it and said he would check with Town of Olive Police and the NYS Police to do speed checks when we are working along Rt. 28.

The tree cutting work for the Collection System started on 3/10/2026. Atlantic Testing conducted soil drilling on 3/12/2026.

Contract 1 continues to focus on tree clearing, they have completed area 1 and are finishing up area 2 and will be starting area 3.

Contract 2 was given notice to proceed and has been sending submittals. Still waiting on an actual mobilization and start date.

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Contract 3 has started their site survey and stake out of the building site, mobilized and will start clearing the lot this week.

Contract 7a has been providing submittals but has not yet given a start date. They have mentioned that they would like to get started soon.

2. Future Stormwater Program

Michael and Dorian Clara Lot 3 (McMurdy Brook Subdivision)
Program: FSW
Address: Lot 3 McMurdy Brook Road, South Kortright, NY
Engineer: Headwaters Engineering
Contractor: Keith McLean
Tax Parcel ID: 68.-4-3

Project Description:
On September 8, 2021 DEP approved the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Clara's property located in South Kortright, New York. The project required NYC DEP review and approval of a SWPPP to meet Watershed Regulations. In March 2022, the CWC Board previously approved resolution #4332 for design costs to implement a SWPPP for the property.

The proposed project consists of two structures intended for residential use, a residential septic, and a 500-foot gravel driveway. Eligible stormwater controls on the site include three rain gardens, gutters, culverts, swales, and a flow spreader.

The Clara's submitted an application on March 15, 2026 for estimated SWPPP inspections and construction costs. Costs with a CWC added 15% contingency totaled Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents ($50,613.23). The applicant has elected 100% of DEP stormwater costs. Funding for this project is from the Future Stormwater Program only.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design Construction:	$4,200.00
Construction:	$39,811.50
Total:	**$**44,011.50
15% Contingency:	$6,601.72
TOTAL:	$50,613.23
100% Election	**$50,613.23**
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	$50,613.23
MOA-145 Funding	$0

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents ($50,613.23) to the Clara's for estimated costs associated with constructing a SWPPP required by the NYC Watershed Regulations.

Recommended Future Stormwater Funding Request not to exceed $50,613.23

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A motion was made by Allen Hinkley to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's May meeting. The motion was seconded by John Kosier. Motion carried

Delaware County DPW Solid Waste Management Center
Program: Future Stormwater
Address: 32230 NY-10, Walton NY, 13856
Engineer: GHD Consulting Services Inc.
Contractor: Marcy Excavation Services, LLC; Byler Excavating LLC
Tax ID #: 275.-2-21.3

Project Description:
On May 24, 2021, NYC DEP approved the SWPPP for the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center in the Town of Walton. The first amendment to the SWPPP was approved on November 19, 2024. The project required NYC DEP review and approval of a SWPPP to meet Watershed Regulations section 18-41. In addition, a SWPPP was required for coverage under the NYS DEC General Permit.

The original approval authorized disturbance of more than 10 acres and included construction of a new 2.5-acre lined landfill cell (Cell 4S). The first amendment included reclamation of unlined Cell 1, with relocation of existing waste to lined Cells 5 and 6.

Stormwater controls for Cell 4S included erosion and sediment controls and a micropool extended detention pond with a sediment forebay. Stormwater controls associated with Cell 1 included erosion and sediment controls, rock-lined swales, and a sediment basin.

A subsequent application for additional funding is anticipated and will include the second amendment to the SWPPP, approved on March 13, 2026. This amendment includes the expansion and lining of Cell 1. Additional applications may be expected as landfill operations continue through typical reclamation and expansion activities.

Delaware County DPW submitted the current application on March 20, 2026. Engineering and construction costs totaled Five Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Thirteen Cents ($592,125.13). The applicant has elected for 50% reimbursement of all stormwater costs or Two Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents ($296,062.57).

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	$ 45,217.93
Construction:	$ 546,907.20
Total:	$ 592,125.13
15% Contingency:	$0
TOTAL:	$ 592,125.13
50% Election	$296,062.57
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	$ **296,062.57**
MOA-145 Funding	$**0**

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The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Two Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents ($296,062.57) to Delaware County DPW for 50% of the costs associated with designing and implementing a SWPPP required by the Watershed Regulations and the DEC General Permit.

A motion was made by Chris Matthews to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's May meeting. The motion was seconded by Tina Mole. Motion carried

3. Stormwater Retrofit Program

No new applications

4. **Local Flood Hazard Mitigation**

5. Other:

Jason told the committee there was still no contract or additional funding available for the Shokan project. Jason reminded the committee that CWC fronted the funding to put projects out to bid last fall, saving a significant amount of funding towards the project. Jason also provided the details of CWC voluntary contribution of providing realized cost savings from CWMP III contract to the Shokan project rather than returning funds back to the City. Additionally, CWC provided a portion of existing septic cluster money towards the project. Jason told the committee that DEP has taken the position that even if the Shokan project comes in under budget and there are remaining funds, that the cluster funding CWC offered should be kept by the City. Jason explained that it was unacceptable to him that the City should be able to CWC's cluster funds if the project saw cost savings. Jason explained that we discussed having the funds available if needed but there was no agreement to forfeit the funds altogether. Jason told the committee we should reject this requirement or request from DEP.

Jason also told the committee that the Board will have to make a determination on which of the two MOA-145 projects on the Board agenda they would like to approve. There is insufficient funding available on hand and the contract with DEP does not allow for additional funds to be obtained to approve both simultaneously. Jason reminded the committee that he had requested an on-hand funding threshold of $1 million for the MOA-145 contract but DEP refused that request. Due to inadequate on hand funding, the Stonewall project has been tabled since September and will likely be tabled again this month. Jason indicated his recommendation is to approved the Clark Companies application since it is actively being worked on. Jason explained that after the approval, CWC will have to invoice the City for additional funding and await that payment before the Stonewall project could be approved. If additional applications come in during that time, it could result in additional tabling. Jason suggested DEP increase the funding threshold to prevent this in the future.

The Generator relocation work has been completed and Keystone Associates, who was the Architect/engineer for the project had a contract with CWC in the amount of $30,000.00 and has exceeded that amount of the contract by $6,709.11. They have requested additional funding of $5,189.11 which includes a discount of $1,520.00 from the overage of $6,709.11.

Shilo Williams of the DEP questioned why additional funding was needed above the contract amount. There were some unforeseen design changes to the new fuel tank and its anchoring points for the existing generator to sit onto the new tank as well as some electrical changes that were needed.

A motion was made by Jeff Senterman to send the additional funding request to the CWC Board of Directors for their May meeting for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Joseph Cetta. Motion carried.

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II. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026

III. Adjournment 9:38 AM

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