

WATER RESOURCE COUNCIL

May 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Session Room, 2nd Floor, 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY

Parking directly across the street

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Water Resources Council was called to order at 9:33 AM at 74 Ontario St, Committee Room, Canandaigua, NY 14424 - with Chairperson Russ Welser presiding.

2. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following members were:

Present:

Bruce Gilman (Science Advisor) — left at 10:46 AM

Terry Gronwall (Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force)

Robert Holland (City of Rochester)

Betsy Landre (Ontario County Planning Department)

Emily Royce (Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council)

Russ Welser (Cornell Cooperative Extension)

Dorthey Gronwall (Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force proxy voter)

Ben Klein (Seneca Lake Pure Water Association)

Ryan Wilmer (County Planning Board representative to the Water Resources Council)

Jennifer May (Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District proxy voter for Meghan Webster)

Sarah Reynolds (Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council proxy voter for Kevin Olvany) — arrived at 10:00 AM

Present Not Voting:

Emily DeBolt (Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association)

Erin Holley (Ontario County Planning Department)

Kyle Ritts (Ontario County Planning Department)

Elane Cook (Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force)

Absent: None

Excused: None

Present (Voting): 11, Present (Not Voting): 4, Absent: 0, Excused: 0

Guests: Cathreine Farrell (Finger Lakes PRISM)

3. Approval of Minutes

Ryan Wilmer motioned to approve the minutes of March 13, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ben Klein. The motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Board Motion: To Approve Treasurers report. **Motion made by:** Betsy Landre, **seconded by:** Emily Royce. **Vote:** Yes 10, No 0, Abstained 0. **The Motion** passed.

5. Presentation

High Priority Aquatic Invasive Species

- Catherine Farrell, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager, Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (FL-PRISM)

6. Payments

Active Special Projects and Payment Requests

Board Motion: To Approve requested payment for WRC MG 5-25 Managing Water Resources, Requesting \$3,000 - OCSWCD - Jennifer May.

Motion made by: Betsy Landre, **seconded by:** Robert Holland. **Vote:** Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0. **The Motion** passed.

Board Motion: To Approve requested payment for WRC MG 4-23 Characterization of Benthic Cyanobacteria and Toxin Production, Final Report Presented at March 13 meeting, invoice of \$3,000 - SUNY ESF/FLI - Abby Webster.

Motion made by: Terry Gronwall, **seconded by:** Ben Klein. **Vote:** Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0. **The Motion** passed.

Board Motion: To Approve requested payment for WRC MG 5-2024 Isolation and Genome Assembly: Characterization of Benthic Cyanobacteria and Toxin Production, Final Report Presented at March 14 meeting, invoice of \$3,000 - SUNY SEF/FLI - Abby Webster.

Motion made by: Terry Gronwall, **seconded by:** Ben Klein. **Vote:** Yes 11, No 0, Abstained 0. **The Motion** passed.

7. Mini and Impementation Grants

8. Round Robin

- Ben Klein
 - Seneca Pure Waters - 2026 Water Quality Symposium - May 28, 2026 from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, 300 Pulteney Street, Scandling Center (Vandervort Room), Hobart William Smith, Geneva, NY. Register at <https://senecalake.org/events/waterqualitysymposium/>
- Terry Gronwall
 - Thank you to Betsy and colleagues for her work done at the NYSFOLA conference in Lake George.
- Robert Holland
 - Hemlock lake is back up to spill-level for first time in three years. The level is ready/sufficient for recreation this summer.
- Dorthey Gronwall
 - Honeoye lake can still not get docks in because lake levels are so high
- Betsy Landre
 - Ontario County is contracting with a consulting firm (Hydras) for the Black Brook / Black Creek Drainage Study - which is an area with perennial flooding issues. Alania Smith is doing work in the Town of Gorham.

- Erin Holley
 - Civic Clerk review and training at the next meeting — please reach out with any questions about the Civic clerk or Open Gov for contracts and insurance.

9. Upcoming Events/Conferences and Training Opportunities

- Center of Excellence Healthy Waters Solution (COEHWS) Annual Meeting
 - May 19-21, 2026 at SUNY ESF - 1000 Irving Avenue, Gateway Center, Syracuse, NY. Register at <https://healthywaters.org/annual-meeting/>
- Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC) Local Government Workshop
 - May 28 from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, 1 College Road, Genesee Community College, Batavia, NY. Register at https://www.gflrpc.org/program_areas/local_government_workshops.php
- Seneca Lake Pure Waters - 2026 Water Quality Symposium
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- Seneca Lake Pure Waters Summer Soiree
 - July 26, 2026 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, 226 Turk Road, Geneva, NY. See event details at <https://senecalake.org/events/summersoiree/>

10. Next Meeting and Important Dates

The next regular WRC meeting will be July 10, 2026 at 9:30 AM, at 74 Ontario Street, Room 218 (BOS Sessions Room), Canandaigua, NY.

11. Adjournment

Board Motion: To Adjourn. **Motion made by:** Ben Klein, **seconded by:** Terry Gronwall. **Vote:** Yes 10, No 0, Abstained 0. **The Motion** passed. The Water Resources Council meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

ONTARIO COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL
Treasurer's Report - General Account Summary
5/04/2026 - REV

WRC CW ACCOUNT BALANCE			
Rollover Previous Years and Interest (through 2025)			\$ 152,232.24
2026 Mini-grants			\$ 15,590.00
2026 Implementation Grants			\$ 100,000.00
Returned funds			\$ 4,400.97
Encumbrances - WRC Projects 2026 and Previous Years - MUNIS Report			\$ (209,229.00)
Projects Awarded Not Yet Encumbered			\$ (7,500.00)
2026 Payments			\$ (53,799.03)
Available Funds 5/04/2026			\$ 1,695.18
Current interest accrued in 2026			\$ 1,017.15
Total Available Funds Funds			\$ 2,712.33

WRC Active Projects May 15, 2026

Proj #	Title	Sponsor	Partners	Balance
Mini-Grants				
M1-26	Marsh Creek Floodplain Restoration Design	FLI	SWIO/T. Geneva	\$ 2,500.00
M2-26	Stabilization Project - Straw Mulcher Trailer	OC SWCD	T. Farmington	\$ 3,000.00
M3-26	Sandy Bottom Park Lagoon Siltation Survey	T. Richmond Parks	OC SWCD	\$ 480.00
M4-26	Youth Watershed Education in Honeoye Valley Region	HVA	CLWA	\$ 3,000.00
M6-26	Expansion of Seneca Lake Open Data Platform	SLPWA	FLI	\$ 2,000.00
M7-26	Deep Run & Gage Gully Subwatersheds Sampling Equipment	CLWA	SUNY ESF	\$ 3,000.00
M 8-26	Understanding Canandaigua Lake HABs - Weather Stations	CLWA		\$ 2,400.00
M 9-26	Understanding Rainfall/Runoff - Weather Stations	CLWC	T Candga/TV Naples	\$ 2,224.00
M 10-26	FLCC Educational Signs	CLWC	FLCC	\$ 2,000.00
M 1-25	Sandy Bottom Park/3M Trail Forest Management Practices	T. Richmond Parks	DEC	\$ 2,500.00
M 4-25	Vernal Pool Project	OC SWCD	T. Geneva/FLLT	\$ 3,000.00
M 5-25	Managing Water Resources Outreach	OC SWCD		\$ 3,000.00
M 7-25	Gage Gully Hydrology & Hydraulic Model & Nature-Based Opportunities	CLWC	OCDPW	\$ 3,000.00
2-2024	Honeoye Lake Boat Cleaning System to Control Transport of AIS	OC Planning	DEC, OPRHP, FLPRISM, Towns	\$ 3,000.00
4-2024	Signage for Rain Garden Demonstration Project	CLWA	Wood Library	\$ 2,845.00
5-2024	Isolation and Genome Assembly of Toxic Benthic Cyanobacteria Honye & Cndga Lks	SUNY ESF	FLI, GLRC	\$ 3,000.00
4-2023	Characterization of Benthic Cyanobacteria/Toxin Production - Honeoye & Cdga Lkes	SUNY ESF	FLI	\$ 3,000.00
5-2023	Establishing Riparian Buffer Easement along Deep Run Stream - Town of Gorham	CLWC		\$ 3,000.00
	TOTAL ACTIVE MINI-GRANT PROJECTS			\$ 46,949.00
Implementation Grants				
IG 1-26	Road Ditch Stabilization - Coye Rd. Drainage Ditch Basin	CLWC		\$ 15,000.00
IG 3-26	Cottage City Flood Resiliency and Water Quality	CLWC		\$ 30,000.00
IG 4-26	Kashong Creek Streambank Stabilization	OC SWCD		\$ 12,780.00
IG 5-26	Deep Run Water Quality Project	CLWC		\$ 20,000.00
IG 6-26	Marsh Creek Phosphorus Reduction Project	OC SWCD		\$ 30,000.00
IG 2-25	Jones Rd. Roadside Stabilization	SWCD		\$ 25,000.00
IG 4-25	Building Resiliency in the Sucker Brook Subwatershed	CLWC		\$ 40,000.00
	TOTAL ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECTS			\$ 172,780.00
	TOTAL WRC ACTIVE PROJECTS			\$ 219,729.00
	Adjustments			\$ -
	Pending contracts			\$ 128,384.00
	Transfer to Planning Dept. budget - MG 2-2024			\$ 3,000.00
	Requesting Approval of Payment			
	Payment Approved and Pending			