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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2023** **DEBRA J. CODY, VICE CHAIR**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Kuhn, Mr. McCarron, Mr. Garland**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Abbott**

**ALSO PRESENT: see attached list**

Vice Chair Cody called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m. and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

**1. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: Ben Yaus, Senior Deputy County Attorney**  
**a. Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into a Utility Work Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for Highway and Bridge Improvements**

- 2 physical infrastructure departments ~ WEP and DOT get requests from the State
- Whenever state does roads, a right-of-way or doing an improvement project, and need to move utility line; will offer to move/install at state's expense
- Need HC140-utility work agreement, acknowledges that state will move it
- Done on a project by project basis

**Questions/Comments from committee:**

- State pays for work being done
- Where is the exact location of this?
  - Location is by Henry Clay where it crosses 481 (Mud Creek runs under it)
- Is it moving something from someplace to another?
  - Yes, cut off or pull up a pipe; reinstall or relocate it
  - Most utilities are usually in road right-of-way
  - Utility company like National Grid uses this utility corridor
  - 481 highway bridge improvement to bridge over Mud Creek
- Has there been any environmental testing in northern, eastern, Jamesville Dewitt or in the city?
  - The County has not been a part of that
  - Believe approvals have been done and this is clearing the way for it
  - Routine process; the state will do it and pay for it

***A motion was made by Ms. Kuhn seconded by Mr. McCarron, to approve this item. Ayes: 3 (Cody, Kuhn, McCarron) Noes: 1 (Garland); MOTION CARRIED.***

***A motion was made by Ms. Kuhn seconded by Mr. McCarron, to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DEBBIE KAMINSKI, Assistant Clerk  
Onondaga County Legislature

**ATTENDANCE**

**COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Darcie Lesniak	Leg
Ben Yaus	Law
Tim Beebe	Leg
John DeSantis	Leg
Kevin Meaker	Leg
Dan Romeo	Leg