

**Case 10-T-0139**

**Champlain-Hudson Power Express Project**

**Environmental Trust Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 15, 2022**

**draft**

On March 15, 2022, the Governance Committee for the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration, and Research/Habitat Improvement Project Trust (the “Trust”) held a regular meeting.

Pursuant to New York State's Open Meetings Law, as amended, the meeting took place via video conference.

Attendees:

On the webex were Certificate Holders: Bill Helmer, Josh Bagnato, Jennifer White; Department of Public Service (DPS): Heather Behnke, Matthew Smith; Department Environmental Conservation (DEC): Sita Crouse, Heather Gierloff, Greg Kenney; Department of State (DOS): Matthew Maraglio, Laura McLean; Trout Unlimited (TU): Bill Wellman, Roger Olson; Hudson River Foundation (HRF): Jonathan Kramer; Scenic Hudson: Hayley Carlock, Alex Wolf; Riverkeeper: Richard Webster; New York City: Jay Goodman, Kathleen Schmidt; Adirondack Park Agency (APA): Daniel Kelleher

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. and a quorum was confirmed.

1. Motion to approve December 22, 2021 Meeting minutes made by APA, Seconded by DPS, motion carried unanimously.
2. Update on Champlain Hudson Power Express Projected Timeline
  - a. 2021 Class year study
    - i. NYISO predicting wrap up by end of summer 2022
    - ii. Cert holder intends to enter into an interim interconnection agreement
    - iii. Project is eligible to enter into next year’s class year study (2022); possible entry into that study?
  - b. PSC Tier 4 Contract
    - i. Applicable contracts signed
    - ii. Comment period concluded
    - iii. Substantive comments received
    - iv. PSC to take action

- c. TDI has begun hiring contractors
- d. EM&CP filing anticipated starting 4/8 with filings to continue for about a year
  - i. This calendar year, the first EM&CP filing will be for land based segment
- e. Marine surveys planned to take place
  - i. Sturgeon – late May
  - ii. Bathy and temp surveys have had consultant ID's but no contract in place/no schedule
- f. TDI considering a formal groundbreaking ceremony in the future
- g. TDI will get in touch with committee members to discuss potential participation on marine surveys if allowed by contractor
- h. BNY Mellon is reviewing trust agreement with TDI and is 99% complete
- i. Trust administration agreement being reviewed and is 90-95% complete
- j. TDI may propose a special meeting to finalize trust administration and trust agreement documents
- k. Financial close in anticipated in spring of 2022
- l. TDI is working with the “Hudson 7” to develop a WQ survey protocol
- m. Trust acceleration agreement is on the PSC calendar for 3/16 (tomorrow) **action item TDI to circulate order**

### 3. TWGS

- a. HRF
  - i. Thanks for the work done with the TWGs
  - ii. Will continue to work with TWGs as needed
- b. Heather (DEC)
  - i. HR work is voluminous
  - ii. Reviewing priority projects
  - iii. Costs are unknown and difficult to determine
- c. Jay (NYC)
  - i. Updating summary sheet
  - ii. IDing applicable staff
  - iii. Updating templates and anticipate sharing soon
- d. Bill (TU) - North Country
  - i. Got updates from applicable participants
  - ii. Projects remain the same but priority ranking has changed
  - iii. Not ready to share yet

### 4. Election

- a. Roger (TU) moved that the current slate of officers serve an additional term, seconded by Bill (TDI) - motion carried unanimously

Meeting Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19a.m. Moved by Matt (DOS), seconded by Heather (DPS), motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

DPS to circulate any PSC orders relating to the trust acceleration

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