

**Case 10-T-0139**

**Champlain-Hudson Power Express Project**

**Environmental Trust Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**December 20, 2022**

**draft**

On December 20, 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 at the Department of Public Services Albany Office, the NYS APA Raybrook office and the NYS DEC New Paltz office

Attendees:

Certificate Holders: Bill Helmer, Josh Bagnato, Jennifer White, Steve Wilson;

Department of Public Service (DPS): Heather Behnke, Matthew Smith;

Department Environmental Conservation (DEC): Sita Crouse, Heather Gierloff, Nicole Balk;

Department of State (DOS): Matthew Maraglio, Laurel Bohl, Rebecca Ferres;

Trout Unlimited (TU): Roger Olson (phone only and not counted towards quorum);

Hudson River Foundation (HRF): Jonathan Kramer, Jim Lodge;

Scenic Hudson: Hayley Carlock, Alex Wolf;

Riverkeeper: Tracy Brown;

New York City: Jay Goodman;

Adirondack Park Agency (APA): Dan Kelleher

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. and a quorum was confirmed.

1. Motion to approve 9/12/22 Meeting minutes made by NYC, Seconded by Scenic Hudson, motion carried unanimously.
2. The project’s groundbreaking has occurred and was attended by the governor. Project construction begins with the Whitehall laydown yard.
3. Interconnection Study

- a. TDI has accepted cost allocations
- b. Astoria Rainey interconnection agreement should be completed in 2023
4. EM & CP
  - a. Are being submitted on a segment by segment basis and are working with DPS staff
  - b. 4 have been filed and 1 has been approved by the Commission
  - c. HDD's are projected to begin during the summer of 2023
  - d. Lake Champlain EM & CP segments are expected in Feb 2023
  - e. Hudson River EM & CP segments expected in Mid 2023
  - f. Harlem River EM & CP segments are expected in late 2023
  - g. Additional upland segments of the EM & CP are expected in late 1<sup>st</sup> quarter early 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023
5. Commercial operations is targeted for May 2026
6. Ongoing studies
  - a. Iding co-located infrastructure
  - b. Divers have been operating in the Hudson River regularly until early December
    - i. Field work has been completed for baseline studies
    - ii. Future follow ups will be forthcoming
  - c. TSS studies are being conducted as part of the EM & CP process
7. Trust
  - a. The trust has been funded with 2.5 million dollars
  - b. PSC has approved all documents related to the trust
  - c. Certificate Holder provided a bound document containing relevant trust materials
  - d. DOS requested PDFs of the bound document to be provided to committee members
  - e. TU requested and was provided clarification on the trust funding acceleration dollar values
8. HRF discussed TWG actions and the need for additional work
  - a. advised on the need to start thinking about the 75/25 funding ratios
  - b. advised for members to start thinking about the roles of the agencies in communications
  - c. has a goal of having a draft 5 year implementation plan by March '23
  - d. Riverkeeper asked about TWGs
  - e. APA indicated that they will have new staff to add to the Lake Champlain TWG
9. OML
  - a. This meeting was originally noticed as containing a public hearing to accept comments on a resolution allowing for remote attendance in conformance with the Open Meeting Law. No commentors presented themselves and no comments were received

- b. A motion was made by DOS and Seconded by NYC to accept a resolution allowing from remote attendance as outlined.
  - c. Motion carried unanimously
- 10. 2023 meeting dates were set
  - a. March 8
  - b. June 7
  - c. Sept 6
  - d. Dec 6
- 11. Discussion occurred regarding the need to elect new officers at the March 8 2023 meeting. Please come prepared with nominations.
- 12. Adjournment at 11:20
  - a. DPS moved
  - b. DOS 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. Unanimously approved