



Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council

September 17, 2024, 10:00-11:30 AM

Meeting of the Directors

Owasco – Ed Wagner, **Cayuga County** – Aileen McNabb -Coleman, **City of Auburn** – Ginny Kent
Niles – Joan Jayne, **Locke** – Thane Benson, **Scipio** – Nancy Hart, **Fleming** – Karen VanLiew,
Town of Moravia – Terry Palmer, **Village of Moravia** –Chris Fulton,
Village of Groton – Theodore Skibinski, **Summerhill** – Charlie Ripley, **Sennett** – Tom Blair,
Dryden – Anne Clark, **Lansing** – Joseph Wetmore

Executive Director- Adam Effler

- A. Board of Directors – Roll call: Owasco-Ed Wagner, Cayuga County- Aileen McNabb-Coleman, City of Auburn- Ginny Kent, Scipio-Nancy Hart, Fleming-Karen VanLiew, Town of Moravia-Terry Palmer, Lansing-Joseph Wetmore. Ex Officio- Jesse Lloyd, Lexie Davis, Michele Wunderlich
- B. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve made by Ginny Kent. Motion was seconded by Aileen McNabb-Coleman. Unanimous vote, motion carried.
- C. Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2024, Board Meeting as distributed via email. Motion to approve made by Ginny Kent. Motion seconded by Ed Wagner. Unanimous vote, motion carried.
- D. Public to be Heard: None heard.
- E. Director’s Summary – Adam Effler (distributed for review prior to meeting) For an audio and graphics of the presentation, please visit <https://www.olwmc.org/news>

Watershed Rules and Regulations.

On July 22, 2024, the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Water Supply Protection notified the City of Auburn and Town of Owasco that the Department does not intend to move forward with amendments to 10 NYCRR Part 104.1 City of Auburn and Town of Owasco Watershed Rules and Regulations. According to their letter, ‘following internal evaluation of the existing regulations, the Department determined that amendments are not necessary to ensure potable water quality for the foreseeable future.’

Staff, Recognition, Awareness, Education and Outreach Project Updates

- The OLWMC’s staff feature article published with the Citizen on August 23, 2024 provided an introduction to Watershed Inspector, Jesse Lloyd, and his reflection on his services to date.
 - The September article will feature the OLWMC’s advancement of its collaborative stream restoration project on the Owasco Inlet.
- OLWMC staff will partner with the Cayuga County Planning Department to present on threats of invasive species with school children at the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District’s (CCSWCD’s) Conservation Field Days on September 18, 2024.
- On October 5, 2024, the Cayuga County Planning Department is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Event. Information is available here: <https://www.cayugacounty.us/705/Household-Hazardous-Waste>
- On October 8 2024, CCE is hosting an open house visit at Spruce Haven Farms that will showcase

their biochar project. Registration is available here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1z8gg22wL4vWDhEpiHd5MNXXK3dOFgWMAcYjGWqiF1wws/viewform?edit_requested=true

Nine Element Watershed Plan (9EP)

Project Update

- The City of Auburn is developing is finalizing its grant contract with NYS, according to the proposed Owasco Lake HUC12 stream corridor assessment project. The 9E committee is considering replicating this project for priority subwatersheds across the watershed, understanding that stream corridor assessments will provide a pathway for funding related stream restoration projects.
- The Cayuga Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) clean water plan was approved by NYS and released on September 9, 2024. As with the Owasco Lake 9E Plan, Cayuga’s plan aims to reduce phosphorus by 30% within the watershed. The Cayuga Lake plan considers regulated and non-regulated sources of TP to the four individual lake segments and assigns TP reductions to those sources. The target for pollution control is to improve the southern portion of the lake, which is designated as an impaired due to high levels of phosphorus. The plan estimates that more than 90% of the phosphorus that enters the lake originates from nonpoint sources, with agricultural land being the greatest source. Point sources, such as wastewater treatment facilities, are estimated to contribute about 10%.

Watershed Lake and Tributary Monitoring

2024 Projects Review

The Cayuga County Planning Department developed 2024 lake and watershed monitoring and implementation priorities in the context of annual Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA) funding. Their overall 2024 workplan, approved by the NYSDEC, includes monitoring the tributaries in the Owasco Lake Watershed to collect data that can be used for updating the 9EP SWAT for Owasco Lake. Cornell University ran SWAT scenarios for a 20% reduction in phosphorus loading to the lake to simulate the effects of expanded nutrient management Planning Tier 3 or equivalent, restricted applications of fertilizer and manure in areas that abut streams, and the implementation of cover crops. A MEANSS approach was used to estimate relocating septic systems within 100 feet of surface waters.

Two of the tributary sampling sites are also being used to collect baseline data for the OLWMC’s “Owasco Lake Watershed Critical Streams Restoration Project” funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) program.

The following additional details were provided by the Department in the spring of 2024, concerning their support for 2024 monitoring initiatives:

- FOLLOWPA funds in 2024 will be used for the installation and implementation of BMPs by SWCD, the O&M for the USGS Owasco Inlet Gage, CSLAP for OWLA, Duck Lake Association and Lake Como Association, OWLA Tributary Sampling Program, Owasco Watershed Data Portal, public outreach and education on invasive species and water quality, aquatic vegetation harvesting, O&M of the boat cleaning station at Emerson Park, support for the septic system inspection program and updating and utilizing the SWAT model.*
- *The Quality Assurance Project Plan for the OWLA Tributary Monitoring Program funded by the FOLLOWPA and Cayuga County has been approved by the NYSDEC. Training for the samplers occurred on April 10th.*
- FOLLOWPA funds will also be used for Nick Colas to update and utilize the SWAT Model. The*

final report from last year's work is available on the 9E Plan website.

Cayuga County will fund the buoy in Owasco Lake. FLOWPA funds were used last year to create a data portal that contains the buoy data and historical data from John Halfman. FLOWPA funds will be used this year to add more data to that portal.

The County is funding the CSI Tributary Monitoring Program and the CSI HABS Monitoring Program, and contracts are in process.

The Department has made the Owasco Lake Watershed SWAT Model Report available on their website. Here's a summary of report features:

- *A recommended practice in the Owasco Lake Watershed 9E Plan was to update watershed SWAT Model with new data and information including hydrologic data files. Cayuga County utilized Finger Lake-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLOWPA) funds to enhance and update the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) nutrient loading model that provides a quantitative framework for the Owasco Lake Watershed planning process and guides the prioritization of projects for implementation. The model was used to analyze three scenarios. These three scenarios were grassed waterways, grade stabilization structures and streambank stabilization. This work was performed in accordance with an approved NYSDEC QAPP.*

Owasco Lake Tributary Monitoring Project Update

- OWLA's 9th Owasco Lake tributary sampling run of 2024 was conducted on September 9, 2024.
- Assistant professors from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) provided processing and analyses for both tributary and lake data from recent years. The monitoring team will convene to discuss trends and recommendations.

NYS-awarded Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)

Project Review:

- Based on NYS's decision to terminate amendments to 10 NYCRR Part 104.1 City of Auburn and Town of Owasco Watershed Rules and Regulations, the amendments being a recommendation included within the draft City of Auburn DWSP2, that feature was removed from the plan, allowing the plan to move forward to completion. The project Community Advisory Group met with project consultants on August 14, 2024 to review final details of the draft plan.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) Identification and

Programming Updates:

- As of September 16, 2024, there were 34 HAB reports more than two weeks old, but reported this year and six reports less than two weeks old.
- This year, well over 500 confirmed HABS have been observed statewide, with many reports generated within the Finger Lakes Region. Climate change, nutrient pollution, and invasive species are considered important drivers for HABS development. Regional advocates, watershed organizations, and municipalities call for stricter regulations and enforcement of

nutrient pollution entering the Finger Lakes. Governor Kathy Hochul recently committed an investment of 42 million dollars to the newly formed Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition of Districts to enhance Finger Lakes water quality. The funds are intended to help farmers manage stormwater runoff and associated pollution.

Land Holdings

Fillmore Nature Preserve Project Review:

Fillmore Nature Preserve is a 161-acre property that is critical for protecting water quality in Owasco Lake, which provides drinking water to more than 70% of Cayuga County. A study by The Nature Conservancy ranked the property within the top 10 parcels in the Owasco Lake watershed with the greatest impact on water quality. The land includes diverse forests and approximately 40 acres of freshwater wetlands. It is located near the birthplace of President Millard Fillmore and Fillmore Glen State Park.

- PRISM ‘boot brush station’ signage has been designed for inclusion on the educational kiosk.
- As recorded in the meeting minutes from its August 8, 2024 board meeting, the Town of Owasco formally committed to a mutual aid agreement for assisting with property maintenance, when available, at the preserve.

During the weeks of August 5, 2024 and August 12, 2024, Town and OLWMC staff collaborated on clearing trees from the trail networks there.

Fillmore Nature Preserve Project Update

- The educational kiosk is poised for construction at the end of September or early October 2024.
- In September 2024, the perennial garden around the perimeter of the public access lot will be overseeded to improve establishment and limit the competition of nuisance weeds.

Other Potential OLWMC Acquisitions Review:

- On June 14, 2023, NYSDEC announced that New York State, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, permanently protected two environmentally sensitive parcels of open space in Cayuga County. A 203-acre addition to Fillmore Glen State Park in Moravia and 72 acres of forested wetlands in Venice were preserved. Both projects were funded through the State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Water Quality Improvement Project program to protect the water quality in Owasco Lake Watershed.
- TNC has expressed interest in having the OLWMC own and steward two properties poised for preservation within the Owasco Lake watershed. TNC will present these acquisitions to the OLWMC Board for ownership and stewardship consideration. The acquisitions include:
 - 72-acre parcel in Venice, dense wetland
 - 100-acre parcel in Groton, mixed farmland
- Based on a spring 2024 inquiry with the OLWMC’s insurance producer, and the pre-existing policy, the increase in property liability insurance premium associated with the proposed acquisitions may be considered nominal.

Additional Partner Land Acquisitions/Targets Review:

- Under 2023 Round 19 of the Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) Grant, the Fingers Lakes Land Trust, Inc. (FLLT) received \$1,240,000 for Land Acquisition to Protect Owasco Lake. FLLT will work with landowners and partners in the Owasco Lake watershed to permanently protect approximately 500 acres through direct acquisition and the use of perpetual conservation easements. The program will focus on conservation and stewardship efforts to protect Owasco Lake. The proposed program grant will provide FLLT an opportunity

to create a new nature preserve on the Sucker Brook wetland, one the largest remaining natural wetlands in the region and conserve additional lands throughout the Owasco Lake Watershed.

Federal Grant Projects and Funding

SOGL Project Review:

- A National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) funding proposal was developed in partnership with CCSWCD and EA Engineering, targeting stream restoration along the Owasco Inlet. Proposed project partners also included the Cayuga County Planning Department, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA), and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Based on a successful pre-proposal the OLWMC submitted a full project proposal for Owasco Inlet streambank restoration project sites between Booth Hill Road and Cat Path Road in the Town of Locke. Landowners who reside along the targeted reaches have expressed concern about severe streambank erosion in those areas.
- Total Amount Requested: \$299,640.00
- Matching Contributions Proposed: \$100,360.00
- The OLWMC was awarded \$457,839.92 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) program for the *Owasco Lake Watershed Critical Streams Restoration Project*.
- In February 2024 CCSWCD delivered mailers to the landowners who have adjacent properties along our targeted reach of the Owasco Inlet, and CCSWCD gained early approvals for four out of five sites.
- EA Engineering and CCSWCD conducted a March 25, 2024 field trip to record baseline conditions, channel types, and to evaluate parcel access. CCSWCD and EA staff spoke with adjacent landowners and discussed survey needs for project modeling and design.
- EA Engineering held a field visit on April 9, 2024 (Task 2) when they collected site data, conducted a drone flyover, and identified plant/aquatic species as observed. The project team identified a laboratory to run project soil samples.

Project consultant, EA Engineering, navigated the environmental permitting process and design, in preparation for project implementation during the 2025 field season. They completed drafts of the NEPA, ESA, and NHPA compliance forms and has submitted them to the NFWF.

- EA Engineering has developed a computer-aided design (CAD) model for the project. Additionally, they started utilizing a hydrologic model to estimate flow conditions that will inform their project designs. The one-dimensional model utilizes geometry and flow inputs (i.e., using historic USGS gauge data) and will output velocities and water surface elevations. This information is helping the engineering firm recommend materials and placements to the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD), which is contracted for project implementation.
- The project team met on August 9, 2024 to review preliminary design recommendations. EA screened the stabilization alternatives for Sites 1-6. Each site has stationed cross-sections where the channel velocities and shear stresses were calculated for the 2-year and 100-year flow events.
- Of the alternatives where the permissible shear stress/velocity is within an acceptable range, CCSWCD informed the designers of which bioengineering alternatives they would like EA Engineering to focus on incorporating into the design. In response, CCSWCD shared a variety of nature-based stabilization techniques that they recommend and are comfortable using for streambank stabilization projects.

- Once EA's 30% design is complete, project partners will look at which practice features can be implemented under the CCSWCD's general permit.

SOGL Project Update:

- The project team recently received regulatory approvals from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to submit for project reimbursements and, ultimately, get underway with construction. Project implementation will take place in 2025.
- The Interim Programmatic Project and Annual Budget Report were submitted to the NFWF on September 4, 2024.

NYS Recognition and Relevant Bills Review

- NYS Senator Rachel May and Assemblymember Anna Kelles honored the Lake Friendly Living Coalition through the presentation of a NYS proclamation commemorating the Finger Lakes' Community Celebration of Lake Friendly Living in May, 2024.
- On the morning of June 14, 2024 participants were invited to Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva, to join those from across the region who care deeply about the health of the Finger Lakes and to make connections and learn about proposed NYS legislation aimed at mitigating environmental threats therein. The legislators shared information about the following proposed bills they are cosponsoring to address Harmful Algal Blooms, the discharge of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into our waterways, and other conservation efforts:
 - The **New York Open Water Data Act (Senate 239E/Assembly 3299A)** would enable better water governance statewide by asking water-related agencies to come together to create a common set of water data standards for the state and a public-facing interface where such data can be shared, viewed, and used by interested parties.
 - The **Harmful Algal Bloom (HABs) Monitoring and Prevention Act (Senate 8356/Assembly 8867A)** would develop and maintain a comprehensive state 'clearinghouse' to bring together existing and new available statewide cross-sectional and longitudinal data and information on harmful algal blooms, potential and known causes, best practice interventions, expertise, and funding resources. These data and the subsequent report would enable the state to effectively and efficiently administer a grant program supporting data-driven best practices in prevention and mitigation of harmful algal blooms.
 - The **PFAS Discharge Disclosure Act (Senate 227B/Assembly 3296)** would require those proposing to discharge pollutants into New York's waterways disclose whether their existing or proposed discharges contain PFAS.
 - The **Biosolids Spreading Ban (Assembly Bill A8317)** would prohibit the sale or land application of biosolids from wastewater treatment facilities unless such biosolids are treated and tested to not exceed the maximum contaminant levels established in the public health law.

Relevant NYSDEC Programming Review (as sourced from DEC Delivers):

- *On June 26, 2024 New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Agriculture and Markets (AGM), and the 11 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in the Eastern Finger Lakes, announced \$1.2 million in funding for the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition to accelerate watershed protection and restoration measures to improve water quality and combat harmful algal blooms (HABs). This key investment into the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition to build professional capacity and accelerate*

agricultural and resiliency- related projects – specifically providing necessary capital investments that will galvanize implementation of the plans and programs developed to address on-the-ground actions necessary to address HABs. The capital infusion will also include support for farmers to invest in more cover crops, improve culverts to reduce runoff, and other investments to improve soil health and reduce water quality impairments in the region. The Eastern Finger Lake watershed covers more than 30 percent of the Lake Ontario drainage basin and contains seven of New York’s Finger Lakes and their watersheds: Canandaigua, Keuka, Seneca, Cayuga, Owasco, Skaneateles, and Otisco lakes.

The county Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the Eastern Finger Lakes (Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates) have planned for, written, and implemented hundreds of millions of dollars of competitive grants to protect and improve water quality in the region. However, there remains a substantial need for increased program support and funding to implement DEC-approved clean water plans, HABs Action Plans, and Strategic Agricultural Environmental Management plans specific to the Eastern Finger Lakes. Established in 2023, the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition are the 11 SWCDs working to protect and improve water quality and critical natural resources in the watershed. The lakes and waterways serve as public water supplies, provide recreational opportunities, are key habitats for fish and wildlife, and are important for local economies via tax bases, agricultural production, and tourism.

In 2018, DEC convened four regional summits to examine the causes of HABs and develop sustainable solutions to reduce impacts. DEC worked with State and local partners to develop and implement [HABs Action Plans](#) for 12 high priority waterbodies, including several in the Eastern Finger Lakes. New York State supports the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition as another action to aggressively combat HABs.

To date, New York State awarded more than \$428 million in grants for projects designed to reduce the frequency of algal blooms by targeting phosphorus and nitrogen pollution, factors that trigger HAB occurrences. Supporting SWCD programs aligns with recommendations from the Action Plans and with the regional protection/improvements priorities as described in the Finger Lakes and Great Lake Action Agendas, Lake Ontario Lakewide Area Management Plan, and other initiatives.

Among the many environmental victories in the enacted 2024-25 State Budget, Governor Kathy Hochul and legislative leaders maintained the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) at \$400 million, the highest-ever level of funding in the program's history. Under the EPF Open Space line, \$1.2 million was made available for the Eastern Finger Lake Coalition, fulfilling a promise Governor Hochul made in the 2024 State of the State.

- *DEC has announced an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) to solicit public input toward DEC’s Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards (WQS). The Clean Water Act includes requirements for states to perform a formal regulatory review of WQS every three years, known as the Triennial Review. It provides an opportunity for DEC to integrate the best available science and methods into WQS to protect the waters of the State. Regulations subject to Triennial Review are any that direct the water quality standards, waterbody classification, and antidegradation policies and actions of the State. The effort may result in amendments to water quality standards found in 6 NYCRR Parts 700-706. [View the ANPRM document](#) on DEC's website. You can submit input and feedback in response to the ANPRM through **November 4, 2024**. Find more information in the [May 8 Environmental Notice Bulletin](#)*

- *DEC's Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar has announced the [finalization of DEC's Division of Environmental Permits Policy "Permitting and Disadvantaged Communities"](#)(DEP-24-1) to implement environmental justice provisions of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act). The policy provides guidance in DEC's permitting processes for considering impacts and existing burdens on New York's most vulnerable communities. Find the [full text and pdf printable version of this policy](#) on DEC's website.*
- *[Proposed Regulations to Protect Freshwater Wetlands](#)*

*The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Motet [freshwater wetlands](#) across New York State. The draft regulations are now **available for public comment until September 19** and would safeguard an estimated one million additional acres of unprotected wetland habitat by expanding the number of wetlands regulated by DEC.*

*[View the proposed rule and supporting documents](#) on DEC's website. Virtual public hearings are scheduled **September 10 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.** An in-person public hearing is scheduled **September 12 at 1 p.m.** at the DEC office at 625 Broadway, Albany, NY. [Registration for the public hearings](#) can be found on DEC's website.*

Find additional information in the [July 10 Environmental Notice Bulletin](#).

*DEC will also be hosting an informational webinar on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 1 – 2 p.m.** These webinars will cover the need for the regulatory changes, the contents of draft regulations, how the comments received earlier in the year were incorporated, and the next steps in finalizing the regulations. Questions may be submitted, as described below, in advance of the webinar DEC encourages the public to comment on the proposed freshwater wetland regulations. **Comments will be accepted through September 19, 2024**, and can be submitted via e-mail to WetlandRegulatoryComments@dec.ny.gov (subject: "Wetlands Part 664 Comments") or via mail to NYSDEC, Attn: Roy Jacobson, Jr., 5th Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4756. Additional information is available on the [Freshwater Wetlands Program page](#).*

Relevant NYSDEC Programming Update (as sourced from DEC Delivers):

DEC announced in the September 11th Environmental Notice Bulletin the [Final 2020/2022 New York State Section 303\(d\) List](#) of Impaired Waters Requiring a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and the Response to Public Comments on the Draft 2020/2022 List. This Final 2020/2022 List identifies waters that do not meet applicable water quality standards and do not support applicable best uses, thereby requiring a TMDL.

Find the [2020/2022 List and the Response to Public Comments](#) on DEC's website

Relevant NYS Funding Updates (as sourced from DEC Delivers):

- *[Applications Now Open for DEC's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Rebate Program](#).*

On Thursday, April 25 2024, NYSDEC announced the next round of its Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate Program with \$750,000 available for municipalities to purchase or lease all electric, plug-in hybrid, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for their municipal fleets. Municipalities can apply for funding, which is available on a first-come,

first-served basis through Sept. 27, 2024. Rebates are available to municipalities across the State that purchase or lease for a minimum of 36 months an eligible vehicle placed into municipal service at a dealership in New York State between Sept. 30, 2022, and Sept. 27, 2024. More details can be found in the Request for Applications (RFA) posted on the DEC website. Applications are available through the New York State Statewide Financial System Grants Management System. Of the funding awarded to date, \$1.2 million went to municipalities that contain disadvantaged communities, as identified by the Climate Justice Working Group's final criteria. Under the Climate Act, New York is required to direct at least 35 percent with a goal of 40 percent of the benefits of investments on clean energy and energy efficiency programs toward disadvantaged communities. Since its inception in 2016, the ZEV Rebate Program has awarded a total of more than \$1.5 million toward the purchase or lease of 114 plug-in hybrid vehicles and 182 all-electric vehicles. More information about DEC's Municipal ZEV Rebate Program, as well as Municipal ZEV Infrastructure Grants, is available on DEC's website. For questions regarding the program, email ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov or call DEC's Office of Climate Change at 518-402-8448.

Municipality Buy-In

Project Review: The OLWMC continues to encourage participation and directorship from the remaining towns within the watershed that have yet to join to help direct project initiatives. They include the Towns of Venice, Sempronius, Groton, Genoa, and Skaneateles.

- F. Board of Directors/Municipality Representatives Feedback: Terry Palmer had questions about who is doing work in the Indian Cove area. Jesse Lloyd reported this is an area where some ditching is planned by CC Soil and Water. She also has questions about digging near a farm in Locke. Jesse Lloyd reported some high-tension lines are being laid in the area. Karen VanLiew has questions about the cover crop program for the best management practices program for the Fall. This is a program that is a suggestion of the 9E program. Ginny Kent has questions about the number of reported HABS. Adam stated the number is based on confirmed reported incidents by the NYS system. Limitation of reporting is that it requires two pictures and requires confirmation. This can be done online through NYHABS. Aileen suggested we need to do continued education regarding HABS reporting and its mechanisms.
- G. Treasurer's Audit and Finance Report-August 2024 Financials Approval –Ed Wagner reported as of August 31, 2024, Total Cash balance \$440,692.78 and Total Equities and Liabilities \$506,118.64. Motion to approve report made by Ed Wagner. The motion was seconded by Terry Palmer. Unanimous vote, motion carried.
- H. Lake Level Report – John West unavailable today, but reported little changes in the lake elevation. The current lake elevation at 712.46. John West continues to monitor elevation with respect to the weather.
- I. Watershed Inspection Monthly Report – Jesse Lloyd-for an audio and graphic of the report please visit <https://www.olwmc.org/news>
- J. NYSDEC FL Hub Update – Lexie Davis reported -individuals can send an email to DEC regarding HABS as they have a HABS team who will respond. For her DEC updates please visit: <https://www.olwmc.org/news>
- K. Owasco Watershed Lake Association Update – Nancy Hart presenting for OWLA- She attended the NYS regional watershed association meeting-Cayuga Co and Owasco lake is ahead of the curve. OWLA continues to support City of Auburn and Town of Owasco regarding Updated WRR, water sampling will continue through October, OWLA did a presentation to Owasco Lake property owners association and was well accepted. Next board meeting tomorrow at Dutch Hollow. Starting this Fall, OLWA will be conducting an evaluation of the wooly adelgid treatment program.
- L. Cornell Cooperative Extension Update – Daniel Welch or Frank Clarke-unavailable
- M. Communications: For the October meeting Ani Fish will do a presentation on the Cayuga County septic program. Adam reminded people of the County's October 5th hazardous waste event; October 8th is the bio char event at Spruce Haven. Reminder for public comment for DEC water standards encouraging DEC to focus on phosphorus reduction and express concern for Owasco Lake's water quality.

N. Issues of Concern. None

O. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

P. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Terry Palmer. Motion was seconded by Nancy Hart. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Cunningham