

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 30, 2024 – 4:30 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Hewitt
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative IT Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Hewitt, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan and Stewart (entered @ 4:35PM)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Deputy Chair Walls
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Collins, Tyron Rogers (Legislature IT Specialist), Marc Rider (Executive Director UCRRA), Amanda LaValle (Deputy, County Executive), Victoria Lucarini (EMC), Jasmine Graham (Mid-Hudson Energy Transition), Casey Plasker, Circularly PBC; Nate Litrin, Director, Recovery & Resilience

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Chair Last Name called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Adopt the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting in Favor: Chair Hewitt, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the May 14,2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 225 – Providing ARPA Funding For County Government Services And Replenishing Funding For Capital Project No. 629, The Ulster County Brownfields Program – ARP Division - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 629 ARPA Brownfields Redevelopment to be funded with appropriated fund balance in the amount of \$502,414.00 and authorizes the recognition of \$502,414.00 of ARPA Revenue under the Revenue Loss provision.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Amend the Resolution No. 225 As Presented**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Chair Hewitt, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 225 as Amended

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Chair Hewitt, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Resolution No. 226 – Providing ARPA Funding For County Government Services And Replenishing Funding For Capital Project No. 674, The Ulster County Solar And EV Charging Infrastructure Program – ARP Division - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 674 ARPA Solar and EV Charging Infrastructure to be funded with appropriated fund balance in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 and authorizes the recognition of \$2,500,000.00 of ARPA Revenue under the Revenue Loss provision.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Amend Resolution No. 226 as Presented

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Chair Hewitt, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Presented**

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 226 as Amended

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Chair Hewitt, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan and Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted as Amended**

Reports

- UCRRA – Executive Director, Marc Rider –
 - Marc Rider discussed vacant positions at the UCCRA, including an administrative assistant and legal counsel.
 - Marc Rider discussed waste management in New Paltz, including transporting waste to a nearby facility for processing.
- UCRRA Reform Committee –
 - Legislator Greene gave an update on UCCRA Report. The waste and diversion section has been completed.
 - Comptroller Gallagher is leading the waste disposal section.
 - Legislator Greene feels the committee is making progress. There is a request for a 30-day extension, and this committee will get report sometime in July.
- Renewable Energy Implementation Program –
 - Legislator Greene discussed progress on report, including waste diversion and renewable energy implementation.
 - Legislator Greene outlined plan to achieve 70% clean energy in municipalities.
- Recent Forum: Understanding Municipal Energy Loads –
 - Legislator Greene shared data on municipal energy loads and asks for volunteers to help fill out a spreadsheet.

New Business

- Mid-Hudson Energy Transition – Executive Director, Jasmine Graham, gave a presentation.
- Central Hudson rate hike memorializing resolution – Removed by Chair Hewitt, due to County Executive Metzger having a conference, and there is a lot happening, so removing it for now.
- Zero Waste in Hurley –
 - Legislator Stewart shared that Town of Hurley has signed a contract with Green Lakes Environmental Services, to remove up to 90% of organic wastes from their waste stream. It's a 3-month pilot program and believes since we have this as a potential pilot program that can be duplicated in other municipalities around the County.
- Public comments for PSC opposing changes to NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program – no updates on this yet, Legislator Greene did say that our municipalities can really benefit from this.

Old Business

- CMRR Engine Update –
 - Press Release from CMRR, Goals to switch to Bio-Diesel in both engines.
- 24-Hour Recycling Center –
 - Chair Hewitt stated that this was Legislator Roberts idea to have a 24-Hour Recycling Center.
 - Legislator Nolan suggested reaching out to New Paltz for a pilot program to expand recycling services. Legislator Nolan feels it's a good idea.
 - Committee members agreed to work with New Paltz and explore other potential locations for a reuse Innovation Center.
- RAPID ACT memorializing resolution –
 - Chair Hewitt dropped this item because Legislator Roberts said it's not important at this time and said it's really changing the authority of who handles these large energy projects at the state level.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:04 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant
Approved: June 4, 2024

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