

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

DATE & TIME: May 6, 2025 – 4:00 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 Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Greene (arrived at 4:26 PM), Litts, Nolan, and Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Stewart
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Collins; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle – UC Executive’s Office; Executive Director Marc Rider – Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Department of Planning; Casey Plasker – Circularly; Melanie Forstrom – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2025 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walls

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the May 20, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 470 of 2024 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 17, 2025 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Discussion: Executive Director Marc Rider of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency requested the Committee postpone the Resolution.

Disposition: **No Action Taken**

Resolution No. 178 – Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under The New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For Adoption Of The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Plan – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Esopus Creek, Rondout Creek And Wallkill River In Ulster County, And Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem, to be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 At 7:10 PM.

Disposition: **No Action Taken**

Resolution No. 208 – Confirming Reappointment Of Members To The Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the reappointment of County Executive Jen Metzger as primary representative of the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council and Amanda LaValle as alternate to represent Ulster County for the term beginning immediately and expiring on December 31, 2025.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 208**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 210 – Supporting The Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan And Urging Those State And Federal Agencies That Provide Funding For Water Quality And Recreational Resources To Recognize The Stream Management Plan – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution declares support for the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan and urges those state and federal agencies that provide funding for water quality and recreational resources to recognize the Plan, the implementation projects contained therein, and the efforts associated with its development in their decisions regarding funding requests and technical assistance made in accordance with the Plan.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 210**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walls

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 211 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Livingston Energy Group, LLC D/B/A Lynkwell – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – The Resolutions approves execution of a contract in the amount of \$50,000.00 with Ulster Livingston Energy Group, LLC D/B/A Lynkwell to install electric vehicle charging equipment(“EVSE”) at Ulster County owned locations (collectively, the “Sites”) to be determined by the County’s Department of Public Works Capital Project for the term 6/15/25 – 7/20/26.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 211**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Hewitt, Nolan, and Walls
Voting Against: Legislator Litts
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 212 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – The Resolutions approves execution of a contract in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 with New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) for funding for building efficiency upgrades, ground source heat pumps, electric vehicle supply equipment, storage, photovoltaic and air source heat pumps included in the Public Safety Communications Building for the term 5/1/25 – 5/1/27.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 212**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, and Walls
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Litts
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Votes Abstained: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 213 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$197,872.50 Entered Into By The County – C.T. Male Associates Engineering, Surveying, Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Geology, D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – The Resolutions approves execution of a contract in the amount of \$197,872.50 with C.T. Male Associates Engineering, Surveying, Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Geology, D.P.C., this for

construction monitoring and testing requirement in accordance with the NYSDEC Brownfield Program, and the filed Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan as required during the site remediation phase of Ulster County's Government Operations Center located at Paradies Lane in the Town of New Paltz for the Term 5/1/25 – 12/31/25.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 213**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, and Walls
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Litts
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Votes Abstained: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 33 – Opposing The Establishment Of A County-Wide Landfill In Wawarsing, NY, And Urging The Exploration Of Alternative Locations And Waste Management Solutions

Resolution Summary – This Resolution opposes the siting of a landfill at either Milk Road or Brown Road in Wawarsing, NY, and calls for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to explore alternative locations and waste management solutions that prioritize environmental protection, community well-being, and sustainability, and reaffirms the Legislature's commitment to responsible environmental stewardship, sustainable waste management practices, and the protection of health, safety, and quality of life of the residents of Ulster County.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 33**
Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walls

Voting in Favor: Legislators Litts, and Walls
Voting Against: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan
Votes in Favor: 2
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

Resolution No. 209 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 209 to read as follows:**

On the last Resolved to add “expiring on May 31, 2030” as follows:

“RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign a Service Agreement with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency **expiring on May 31, 2030**, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature,”

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment Adopted**

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 209**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Nolan, and Walls
Voting Against: Legislator Hewitt, and Litts
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Reports

- **UCRRA update – Director Marc Rider** – RePower Project and Reuse Innovation Center (RIC) funding.
- **Update on other refuse facilities – Legislator Walls** – No updates provided.
- **ZWIP completion update – Chair Hewitt** – Status update and Casey Plasker from Circularly involvement.
- **Legislator Greene update** – Renewable Working Group and Climate Smart Committee.

Adjournment

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

TIME: 5:54 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant
Approved: June 3, 2025

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