

**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment,  
Arts and Agriculture Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** May 3, 2022 – 6:00AM  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 827 0250 7244  
By phone Dialing (646) 558-8656  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Brian Cahill  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn Tantillo  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Herbert Litts, III, Thomas Corcoran, Peter Criswell, Chris Hewitt, Joseph Maloney (left 7:00), Megan Sperry, and Chair Tracey Bartels  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive Christopher Kelly; Director Dennis Doyle, UC Planning; Alicia Demarco, UC Comptroller’s Office; James Delaune, Board Member and Jake Wedemeyer, Executive Director, Ulster County Soil and Water; Jarod Buono, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Rose Woodworth, CEO, Ulster County Industrial Development Agency; Brooke Coleman

Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:05 and asked Legislator Litts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of April 5, 2022; April 7, 2022; April 8, 2022; April 9, 2022, and April 23, 2022

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell. Hewitt, Maloney, Sperry and Chair Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 8

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Minutes APPROVED

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**Presentation – Ulster County Soil & Water – Jake Wedemeyer**

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**Resolutions for May 17, 2022 Legislative Session:**

Chair Cahill told the committee he would take Resolution No. 250 out of order and discuss it after the other resolutions.

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**Resolution No. 251** - Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will schedule a public hearing for lands proposed for inclusion in an Ulster County Agricultural District and make all appropriate notices to local municipalities.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved Resolution No. 251 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, Sperry and Chair Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 8

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 252** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Cooperative Agreement With The New York State Department Of Conservation For The Implementation Of Environmental Benefit Projects On The Lower Esopus As Provided For In The DEC Order On Consent – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a new Cooperative Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the NYSDEC for Ulster County to act as fiscal agent to implement the Environmental Benefit Projects, specifically the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved Resolution No. 252 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 8

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 284** - Setting A Public Hearing On Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2022 – 2023 To Be Held On Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:45 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will set a date and time for a public hearing on the tentative budget of the Ulster County Community College

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved Resolution No. 284 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell. Hewitt, Maloney, Sperry and Chair Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 8

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 250 - Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board Of Directors**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will appoint 7 members to the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors for at term of June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved to go into Executive Session to discuss appointments to the IDA Board allowing other legislators and committee clerk Tantillo into the session.**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell. Hewitt, Maloney, Sperry and Chair Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 8

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Motion APPROVED**

**Committee Entered Executive Session at 6:41**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion No.6** Moved to exit Executive Session at approximately 7:45

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell. Hewitt, Sperry and Chair Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 7

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Motion APPROVED**

**Motion No. 7:** **Moved To AMEND Resolution No 250 to replace TBD with the names**

Lynn Archer - Accord, NY  
Diane Eynon - Accord, NY (reappointment)  
Michael Ham - Kingston, NY (reappointment)  
Steven Kelley - Highland, NY  
Rachel Silverman, Stone Ridge, NY  
Rashida Tyler - Kingston, NY.  
Kaustubh Wahal, Kerhonkson, NY

**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell. Hewitt, Sperry and Chair Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 7

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

#### **Voting On Resolution No. 250 As Amended**

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell. Hewitt, Sperry and Chair Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 7

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Chairman Cahill asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 7:50

**Respectfully submitted by:** Fawn Tantillo

**Minutes Approved:** June 7, 2022

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**Chair Brian Cahill**

Welcome. Let's do it. We'll call the May 3, meeting of the Economic Development Planning education, employment, arts and art Agriculture Committee to order. We will stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at this point. Legislator Litts, if you wouldn't mind leading us.

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Thank you. So tonight, we have a one presentation. First, we want to accept a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, April 7, April 8, April 9, April 23. Can we do them all at once? Or do we need individually?

**Fawn Tantillo**

All at once.

**Legislator Peter Criswell**

Okay. I'll make that motion.

**Legislator Thomas Corcoran**

Second.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Okay. All those in favor? Are there any corrections or updates? No. Okay. i Great. Thank you. So tonight, we have four resolutions. And we're going to have a presentation by the Ulster County Soil and Water represented by Jake Wedemeyer. Is that how you say that, Jake? I see Jake there. He's on mute. You're on mute. There you go. Wedemeyer?

**Jake Wedemeyer**

Wedemeyer. Wedemeyer. Yeah.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

All right. So yeah, so we're gonna, we're gonna, you know, we go around, we, you know, ask all the folks who, you know, have an interest in this committee to come in every once a while, give his presentation of what they're about, what they're doing. Educate some of the newer members on the committee, and who we didn't have this last term. So, this is new for all of us it with the exception of Herb who is on your board? I guess? I guess it's a board or I don't know. So,

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

Commission.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Commission. Okay. So, I don't know. Did you and Fawn workout if you want to let Jake run the share? Okay.

**Fawn Tantillo**

You can share the screen.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Okay. So, with that, I'll turn it over to Jake. Thank you.

**Jake Wedemeyer**

Thank you. Want me to boot up my presentation?

**Fawn Tantillo**

Yes, sir.

**Jake Wedemeyer**

Okay, L,et me do that.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Yeah. So, if you wouldn't mind, you can share your screen with that presentation.

**Jake Wedemeyer**

I'm working on that now. Here we go. Okay. Can everybody see it?

**Fawn Tantillo**

Yes, sir. All right.

**Jake Wedemeyer**

Let me get to it. So, I'm Jake Wedemeyer and I work for the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District. And we're going to let you know who we are and what we do. Jim Delaney, he's been a real help with, with, with this presentation, as well as the other staff members. And so, thank you, Jim. And Jim, Brian, Jim kids who is regards. Anyway, let's get started here. So, who we are. So, basically, almost every county in the United States has a solid water conservation district. New York City has a conservation district for all five boroughs. So, our staff is Margaret, myself, Adam don't use in the New York City watershed program. Stream Management Program. Bobby Taylor, Allison lent Mark Tolson. Then we have our board of directors, right. So we meet typically nine to 10 times a month. We partner with the USDA NRCS. They're our lifeline they pay our rent, our utilities they provide. So, in order for the Federal government to enter on to private lands in local soil and water conservation district has to be formed. So this federal government could go on to private lands. And how we've evolved is that we bring in a lot of funding for private lands. It's basically if you know your history, we were formed during the dustbowl during the 20s and 30s. Originally, Soil Conservation Service was established by Congress in 19, 1935. That legislation again empowered local soil and water conservation districts to form so we can put conservation on the ground on private land. And we've since evolved greatly. Our Conservation District was formed in 1965. We've been around for a while. And again, our primary partner is USDA NRCS. So, again, we don't pay rent, they cover the internet. They pay for our software, very expensive mapping software. They provide IT support for us. And again, you know, we're able to enter onto private lands compared to municipal and federal government with public funding. So, you know, we do everything from stream projects, riparian plantings, agricultural projects, stormwater projects. So, we're all over the map. One thing with our staff is we're looking to fill my backfill, which would be a technical educational specialist. So, we've had some really good applicants, our staff is going to grow. And we're hoping to hire a second technician in the next year and a half. So what we do, we do a little bit of everything, which makes the job fun. So, a lot of what we do, believe it or not, Ulster County is still a big agricultural county. So, I have a dairy background. I came off a dairy farm. I knew all about that. So, when I moved down here, I learned a lot about apple orchards, vegetable production. So, still, like agriculture is like half of our economy. So, we do in order for us to get funding for farms, right? We have to plan the farm, what are their resource concerns? Herb Litts, who's on our board, I did a conservation plan for him. And then we were able to apply it for competitive cost share funding, and do barnyard practices on his farm. So, Herb knows what we do on the Ag side. And then some since he's one of our board members, we do a lot of crop advising. Right. So that's what field crops mean. And we do a lot of nutrient management recommendations. So, with the current economy with commodity, you know, with prices, inputs going up, our phone is ringing off the hook. So, we have a lot of business with that. And again, that's part of our farm conservation planning. We do a lot of design and implementation of agricultural best management practices. Again, we partner with the NRCS. They provide engineering support. And some instances, we do have to hire a private agricultural engineer for certain things. Anything with the roof, the federal government doesn't want to

touch it too much liability. With the public, we do soils group worksheets for agricultural tax relief. So, if you have a farm, we do the soil mapping and the soils groups to give landowners a tax break. Do a lot of stormwater work. Thankfully, not a lot of Ms. Four. Department of Environment does that. But we partner with them on various projects, namely, doing the for our New York State DEC endorsed erosion and sediment control course. So, it's available to all municipalities, the public engineers, so we do that probably three times a year. Stream feature inventory and assessment that has a lot to do with our DEP contract. We'll get into that later. Stream restoration and stream bank stabilization, big projects with the DEP, so anything in the watershed. There's a lot of money available to do that, for the city of New York to meet their filtration avoidance waiver, riparian buffer plantings, pond design and maintenance recommendations. We're getting a lot of referrals from Cornell Cooperative Extension. So, they're great advertising. We have our annual fish stacking program that's very popular. Same with the training trip program. We do house calls for almost anything. Drainage things like foundation drain, we felt that with that roof gutters, erosion control, bank stabilization, So, we actually people call and I think the cultures change when people call the office, you try to get back to them within 24 hours. We call back we set up a site visit we go out we give them recommendations. But people are very appreciative that, especially in this day and age, they say, Well, you're the only people that call us back. Private and municipal site visits for technical assistance. Again, we do house calls. We work with the county we work with all the municipalities and Ulster County. We write we do a lot of GIS mapping. A lot of people walk in and want to know if there's wetlands on their property, what are the soils, whatever they need topographic mapping when a farmer is going to buy a piece of property. So, we had the reputation before they buy a piece of property they call us or their wetlands. How's the drainage? Is there an outlet for the drainage? So, a lot of times We help people avoid making a poor purchase decision. Education Outreach which address agricultural programs, riparian buffers, and all the other programs. And again, Cornell Cooperative Extension has really helped us with that. When we do workshops with them gets their name out, right? Same thing with the Department of Environment and the Planning Department, been we've partnered with them, they've been very supportive of us have, we've assisted them with the agricultural district inclusion program, we give them referrals. So, it works pretty well. So, that's what we do, in a nutshell, a little bit of everything. So, with the Agricultural Environmental Management Program, that's very important, because that is number one, it's confidential. by New York State law, it's voluntary. Her participated in that. So, if there are resource concerns on a farm, the farmers come to us, it's all about reputation. So, the town's or the county or the state can't foil us. But most of the time, people just need technical assistance and some cost share funding, right. So, these are some of the practices that we do, for example, rotational grazing system, that's a big economic benefit for the beef producers. we're able to use a money state money to do a grazing plan, okay, and then pay for fence and putting a watering system. So, that reduces like fuel usage in terms of making feed for them. They could graze longer, they have a watering system, we deal with a lot of surface and subsurface drainage issues on farms. There's cost share funding for that. barn yard runoff management. These are just a few examples. Farm fuel storage, that's a big one big, big, big one, where we're able to get state funding to help pay for new double wall tanks. We do covered barn yards we do manure storage is there's less there, there's no dairy in this county as of February, so we're not doing as many manure storage is worked with one horse operation, stored the guy manure storage, that manure storage helped him facilitate having a comp and increasing the capacity of his composting business. So, that was an economic multiplier with that. So, again, NRCS, they're great. They support us, they give us engineering support. Same thing with Cornell Cooperative Extension, they're free advertising. So,

again, this program is directly beneficial to agricultural farmers, we're here to help the farmers, and also economic development. There's a multiplier, so we're doing these projects, we put a lot of local businesses to work, you know, help them out. All right. So, recently, over the last five years, the state through the Department of Agriculture and Markets has recognized like the climate is changing. And there's a lot of grant funding out there for climate resilient farming. And we already got involved at the Hudson Valley carbon farming pilot project. What we did was, we did cover crops with three farms, it was only 174 acres, we did but better than nothing. And we're also looking at the soil health benefits. And I'm planning on extending that getting into the climate resilient farming grant round six, this is the sixth year. So, we're applying for a competitive grant for almost \$429,000, Right, dollars. And that's going to cover five farms for three years. So, we could see how the soil health benefit is. And as part of the grant I applied for a no till grass drill. So, instead of plowing the field disc in the field, a lot of sweet corn farmers will disc it or vegetable farmers will disc in their crop residue, and then go and then broadcast that disc it again, with the no till drill, it's one pass. So, it's a fuel savings. So, this is especially critical because fuel is you know, through the charts. So, you know, it'd be a lot less in terms of fuel and emissions. So, there's been a great interest in that. And I did share with everybody the Ulster County farm needs survey. And that helped us determine what you know the width of the drill to purchase to service the Ulster County farmers. Okay, we got a lot of good information off of that. So, again, we have a contract with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to the city in New York. Their whole thing is turbidity reduction and stream restoration. So, in the show Kanwar watershed, we've put, I think, to date, since we've been in contract with them for about 20 years, okay? It's been \$26 million, between staffing and projects invested into Ulster County 26 million. So, this is water Creek, the top slide, there was a clay exposure. And what we did was we partnered with the NRCS. That was after Hurricane Irene emergency watershed protection money that helped stabilize a road on the stretcher stream. So, we actually stabilize the bank, which So, the photo up top isn't exposed a clay exposure, we actually remove the clay and then put in a sand filter and put in topsoil and stabilize that. So, there's no turbidity seeping out of that bank. And they have the New York City DEP has to work with the United States EPA, to keep unfiltered drinking water clean, we have metrics that we have to meet. So, the photo on the lower right corner that represent that's what we did. So, this is before this is after, and then we stabilized the stream and put in structures that promote trout habitat as well, all the projects we do. It's multifaceted. So, I mean, this was one I was intimately involved with. So, you know. So, we've done a lot of these throughout the watershed. Same thing with the Catskill streams buffer initiative. Bobby Taylor, he's on the on the lower right photo on the far left. He's done a multitude of projects throughout the watershed. So, that's the upper right photo. So, he's like the superstar with working with landowners and getting these riparian planting projects in the ground. And again, healthy riparian buffers aid and climate resiliency. So, the photo on the left, this is a recent project that he did, and that is also funded by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. So, again, they're very good partner to work with, and we're able to get conservation on the ground. Okay. So, funding sources, how we survive and how we get work done is that we get the county provides us with might I want to go through all the numbers, I don't want to bore you to death, but we get 91,000 get restored three COVID \$91,500. Hopefully in the future, we could get a little more money as we get more staff on board. We're also trying to get into the New York State Retirement Program. But also we get this is just an estimate with the DEP. It's just like hourly reimbursement. So, we we get about 35 to 45,000. That's kind of a lowball depends how involved and get with projects, again, with the other staff. They're fully funded by DEP. With the New York State Agriculture,

agriculture markets, we get roughly \$172,000 from them, part of its performance measures how much we get done. Some of that money is used for projects, right. And some of it's used to pay for staff, sales and services, that's tree and shrub and the fish program, we don't make that much off of that it's more of a service to the residents of Ulster County, and Agricultural Environmental Management, that's reimbursable how many hours you put in how much you get back from the program through the state. We're in a very good spot with, you know, with the governor's office, the governor's office is funding a lot of agricultural projects, and reimbursing the district's more than ever. So, I hope that keeps up. And then we're involved in a in a grant we're doing to agrichemical mixing facilities in one fuel storage facility. So, that's his technical reimbursement for our time. So, anyway, So, we're able to pay the bills. But you know, as we bring on more staff, and try to improve our benefits, you know, we might need a little more money, but we're doing okay, So, far. So, you know, based on working with the state and the D P, we're able to bring in, you know, money for projects. So, we're doing the first time ever Arbor Day project, we're dealing with at least four municipalities doing tree plantings, right? We're partnering with the Department of Environment. The am program, we're bringing in money for two major projects once a covered Barnyard. The other one is a rotational grazing system. Again with the Ag point, ag nonpoint source grant bringing 176,000 And that's for two agrichemicals mixing facilities. Again, we're reducing farmer liability with the Yupik operations. Same thing with fuel storage, there's a lot of tanks that are old. So, we're getting good at doing the fuel tank replacements, the big ticket items, stony clove, that's a major stream restoration project, we're going to probably start that mid-June. And we already had a bitter, we're still going through the bid process approval process with them. But that's over \$2 million. And again, local contractors are employed because of these programs. We have another job Panther kill, it's another stream restoration project. And the estimate is \$608,500. So, those are going to go in this year. So, it's going to be you know, too close to two points 2.6 million just in stream projects. And then with the riparian buffer planting program, it's that would be 30,000. And that's just the materials that's buying plants from local nurseries, mulch from local contractors. So, basically, we're bringing in, in projects this year, almost \$3 million. So, it's basically get 30 to one rate of return with the county allocation. So, again, we're a partnership, we like to get along. And I could go through all these, I don't want to bore you to death, but the partnerships, the relationships, I mean, I've been doing this for close to 20 years. So, I got to know a lot of people along the way. So, always remember the people you meet and how you treat moving up, because you're going to meet them when you're going down. You know, my grandfather always used to say that, but it's been a lot of fun. And our CS major partner, DEP, they're really good partnership. They're very tedious to work with, because we're dealing with a lot of money, right? Department of Environment, again, with that four-hour erosion and sediment control class that I teach. They've helped advertise it and help us with the administrative end, and Arbor Day, which has been fun. Cornell Cooperative Extension, the pandemic, everything was on hold, right. But now we're starting to work more closely together with trainings and sharing ideas. And again, they give us a lot of referrals. Because of Ulster County government, we have a professional services agreement. So, the county helps us a lot, which we appreciate. So, we work with the New York State, Soil and Water Conservation Committee, right. That's, you know, under Ag and Markets, and really good staff to work with. So, they help us with technical reimbursement. They help us with grant opportunities. They help guide us in our mission and programs. They've given me a lot of guidance with a no till program. They know what's going on in other counties. The lower Hudson coalition of conservation districts, we mainly deal with them regarding stormwater education, a lot of that's geared towards professional engineers, but that's a service that we offer. So, again, the pandemic everything's

put on pause. Hopefully in the fall, we'll have a storm water workshop for the lower Hudson that'd be Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, and Ulster County's usually have it in Dutchess County. The planning department had a good relationship with them. So, I give a lot of referrals to them with the agricultural district enrollment program. Burt Samuelson has been great to work with Dennis, and partnership with the Ulster County Assessor's Association. So, this is where it takes a lot of our time in the wintertime. We're doing soils group worksheets for each town, that state is doing an audit on each town. So, say if a farm if a if a town has 90 Farms, with the audit, we have to do soil scoop worksheets on 90 Farms, just one town. So, it's good. So, basically, they invited me to their meetings, they explained to them, it's like, can you I can't have every town in the county come to us at once to you know, do this audit and we have to redo every single map and all the acreage for each town in one year. So, having these conversations they get to know who we are what we do and our limitations. So, at first it was adversarial with them. Like can you can you just do all the stalls group worksheets for the entire town and I was like, Are you crazy? And then we got to know each other and then I explained to them what the process is. And they understood stood in so and so we worked out in agreement where we could stagger you know, each town. We don't have to do it all at once. And a lot of the newer assessors, there's been some people that retired and the newer assessors will contact the Office for guidance and talk things through. So, it's been a it's been a good relationship. And this is the last slide. So, thank you. So, this is our staff. Margaret didn't want her picture in the slide, type put this in Margaret's our administrative assistant. And she's the glue that binds all of us. She works really hard. She does all the taxes in our paychecks. And she does a lot of the administration regarding dealing with grants and a DEP contract. She deals with a lot of money, and she needs a vacation. So, Adam, he's our program manager in the watershed. Mark, he's a new hire. He's the watershed technician. He's coming along really well. People like him. He's a hard worker, Bobby Taylor. He's the riparian buffer coordinator. Again, he's a superstar. Alison, she does a lot of stream design and engineering. She's moving up the ranks. She's been with us almost 10 years. And then there's me. So, if you have any questions, please feel free.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Thank you very much. Jake, we appreciate you spending some time with us. And if you would mind unshare in that screen, Fawn , So, I can see everyone's face or okay.Great, thank you. So, does anyone on the committee have any questions for Mr. Wedemeyer? Legislator Criswell.

**Legislator Peter Criswell**

Well, yeah, just a quick question. What is your overall budget?

**Jake Wedemeyer**

About 355,000 For just personnel, just operating expenses.

**Legislator Peter Criswell**

Okay. Thanks.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Joseph Maloney**

Yeah, I was just wondering if have you been? Has anyone asked you to go down to Gulnare Boulevard. I know, there's been some issues with that new Central Hudson Training Center. And it sounds like from what I'm hearing from you, and maybe you can help some of those residents down there. But it's kind of a new, a new issue. Has anyone contacted you?

**Jake Wedemeyer**

No, in what way?

**Legislator Joseph Maloney**

Oh, I guess there's a lot of water runoff issues and some other things. Some of the stuff is making its way to the creek. I haven't been down there myself. I plan to get down there. I know, legislator Phil Erner has been in contact with them. But maybe, maybe I'll mention it to Phil to put them in contact with you.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

If you give him a call back. Central Hudson is building a training facility on their current garage on Route nine w in the town of Ulster - Lake Katrine. And there's been some issues with water runoff from the construction site. They've been cited by the state. And there's a lot of concern about the neighbors who are seeing puddles of water where they didn't see it before and things like that. And, you know, with the heavy storms, it seems to really have exacerbated the situation. I don't know if you guys get involved with with, you know, corporations, you know, with \$355,000 budget? I don't know. But

**Jake Wedemeyer**

Yeah, well, if you know, what we've done in the past is that we've had issues like that on bigger jobs. And if the DEC does a site visit, and they issue a citation, the first thing they do is like you need to contact soil and water. And so, we work with the landowner or the operator. And the DEC'S monitor is it's better to do something than nothing. Right? So, if we show up on site, at the request of the DEC, we have, we could give Central Hudson recommendations and tell them what to do. And within a month, they have to have a month to rectify everything. And if they don't do anything, they'll shut the site down and issue fines.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

So, they started, they did find them last fall. The question is can you go uninvited? I guess?

**Jake Wedemeyer**

No. No.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

So, so, the DEC is absolutely involved with that site, Legislator Maloney, if you don't know if you know that or not, but they are and there's been fines levied against Central Hudson for their lack of control of runoff from the construction site. So, I don't know where that stands now. But yes,

**Jake Wedemeyer**

Yeah. There's fines up to \$37,500 a day.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

We're getting 10, 10k a day. Yeah, yeah. Anyway. Any other questions?

**Fawn Tantillo**

A lot of you may remember a few years ago when soil and water helped us out with that strainer and the sofas where this where the tuber drowned and they helped clean that they helped us facilitate getting that cleaned up.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Well, that's a good segue to my question. We have a resolution in here tonight to work with The cooperative agreement with the New York State DEC on the implementation of an environmental benefit project on the low res sofas and So, I found the DEC Acronym missing quite a bit in your proposal. Do you not work with the DEC? Or are they just not part of your daily functions?

**Jake Wedemeyer**

That's a very good question. And I thought about that. And the DEC does give a lot of referrals to us. And I would.. they're a partner, and I think that was an omission, but I thought about that this morning. Okay, good. But we work with the parameters a lot, we have a good relationship with them, Brian Drum. And So, they do give us some referrals.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Good. Okay. Well, again, and you want to have any other questions or comments for Mr. Wedemeyer. Before he goes, Mr. Wedemeyer, Sorry. All right. Well, thank you very much. You know, as you said, agriculture is a big part of our county economy. And you folks do a terrific job there helping our farmers do the right thing a lot of times, Right, things that they may not be able to figure out how to do or, or be able to hire engineers to do, or be able to afford to do without your help. So again, thank you very much for that work. And thank you for spending some time with us this evening. And have a good night.

**Jake Wedemeyer**

Thank you. Thanks, you as well.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

All right. So with that we have for resolutions, and I'm going to take and move resolution 250 to the end, because we'll be going into Executive Session for that one. So we'll start with resolution 251, which is scheduling a public hearing as required under Article 25, AAA of the Ag and Markets Law on the adoption of lands to the agricultural districts and providing direct notice to the affected municipalities the Department of Planning,

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

Move it

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Is there a second?

**Legislator Chris Hewitt**

Second.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Was there any discussion? At all those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Opposed? Any abstentions? Great. Thank you.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Chairman Bartels, are you... okay?

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Thank you. Resolution 252 is authorizing the chair of the Ulster County legislator to execute a cooperative agreement with the New York State Department of Environment of conservation, for the implementation of a an environmental benefit projects on the Lower East Campus as provided for in the DEC order on consent Department of Planning. That's a mouthful. A motion?

**Legislator Thomas Corcoran**

Motion.

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

Second.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

So again, plannere Doyle's here. Right, Dennis? So is this, is this an extension of existing program? That's what I thought, yeah.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Yes, it is just an extension of an existing contract. The reason it's it's been delayed is we've been sort of waiting for the New York State Department of Environmental Protection York City, excuse me to complete or at least issue their their work on the draft environmental impact statement. And now that that's out, we wanted to move ahead. It is where we have our what we call a fiduciary have a fiduciary responsibility, so we're just holding the money. And then it'll go through something called the showcase release working group, in terms of in terms of developing a stream management program for the lower sofas, and these are the Jake is very familiar with these. We do a lot of these, they give a lot of these in the helping the up in the watershed and this is being paid for by DEP as part of the order of consent.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Oh, it is being paid for by DEP. I was going to ask that because it would seem to me that they are... Yeah, it would seem to me that a lot of our issues are on the Lower Esopus are a direct result of the DEP.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Alright, we have up to 200 . I think 200,000 quote me on the numbers up at \$200,000, I think was set aside in the order and consent to essentially do the program. And then there's, I believe, two and a half million dollars to implement recommendations in the program as part of the order on consent.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Great thank you. Any other questions or comments on a resolution? 252? Okay, all those in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Opposed? Any abstentions? Great. Thank you. Resolution is number 284. is setting a public hearing on a tentative budget of Ulster County Community College for the year 2022To 23 to be held on Tuesday, June 21 2022. At 6:45pm.

**Legislator Peter Criswell**

I'll move that.

**Legislator Thomas Corcoran**

Second.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

So there's no representative from the college here tonight because I was wondering when we're going to see the budget that we're having a public hearing on in a couple of weeks. Well, it's a month away but any is Has anyone... Fawn, do you know, when they plan on delivering the budget to us to review?

**Fawn Tantillo**

No, sir. I'm sorry. I don't.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Okay. So if you wouldn't mind reaching out and seeing, you know what the timeline is for the legislature to get the look at the SUNY budget, SUNY Ulster budget for this year, next year rather. Okay, thank you. With that, I will, I would like to go into Executive Session.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Oh, did you? I didn't get the second for 284.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Oh, all in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Opposed? Abstentions? Okay. So with that, then, I'd like to take make a motion to go into Executive Session, for the purposes of reviewing applications for the upcoming term for the Industrial Development Agency board. And the people that will be in there will be the legislators on this committee and the clerk who services this committee motion legislator Kelly, I'm sorry. Deputy Exec. Kelly had a question. Thank you. Chair. Will you be coming back out of Executive Session? Or is that it for the night? No, we'll be coming back. But we're probably just going to adjourn. Yeah. And so

**Fawn Tantillo**

I can I was going to put the members that are in not in the executive session in the waiting room. You're welcome to sit there or, you know,

**Chair Brian Cahill**

or to show only take five or 100 minutes. You know.

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

You're being very optimistic.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Right. Yeah. So. So again, I'll accept the motion to move going to Executive Session.

**Fawn Tantillo**

I had moved by Corcoran do I have? I didn't see the second was.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Okay. All those in favor? Aye. Aye. Opposed. Okay. So I see Alicia DeMarco and rose to start

**Fawn Tantillo**

the recording.

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

Motion that will come out of Executive Session.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Wait. Okay. Let's make the motion. Second. All

**Chair Brian Cahill**

those in favor? Aye. And I'll make a notation that legislator Maloney left the committee meeting while we were in Executive Session. He was there when we went in and he left during Executive Session.

**Fawn Tantillo**

All right. And then are we going to amend the resolution? Now?

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Yes, we will amend the resolution with the seven candidates chosen by this committee.

**Fawn Tantillo**

And do you want me to just name them alphabetically? Yes, please. Motion. It's Lynn Archer. Diane endian. Michael cam. Stephen Kelly. Rachel Silverman, Russia, Tyler. And I'm going to Costa wall Hall. I'm trying to get

**Chair Brian Cahill**

at Chris. Chris. We do it. Good.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Great. Those are our seven candidates.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Okay, thank you. Chair Bartels

**Legislator Joseph Maloney**

just also want to procedurally note that no action was taken an executive session.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Thank you. All those in favor of amending that resolution?

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

Moved it. I'm sorry. To add those names. I'll move it a second.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Okay. All those in favor of amending the resolution with the names of the seven candidates? Aye. All those opposed? Any abstentions? Great. Thank you very much. With that, that concludes our business, our new business. Is there any old business that anyone wants to bring up in this committee at this point? All right, any anything else that we'd like to discuss this evening?

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

Hearing none, I'll make a motion for adjournment.

**Chair Brian Cahill**

Okay. Second. Okay. All those in favor? Aye. Hi. And again. Thank you. Thank you, folks, for your work on this. I appreciate it.

**Legislator Herbert Litts, III**

Thank you. Thank you. Take care. Thank you. Stay healthy. We'll try