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Executive Committee Meeting

October 21, 2025

Members Present: Wayland "Bud" Gladstone, Chair (via 'Teams') Fred Huneke
Tom Hutson Karl Gockel
Michael Vander Werff, NYC DEP (via 'Teams') Marilyn Wyman (via 'Teams')

Members Absent: Steve Reed
Jennifer Grossman

Others Present: Ryan Naatz Connor Young
Amy Faulkner Serena Orleski
Carol Bishop Kayla Henderson

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025, meeting, and the September 16, 2025, meeting, respectively as presented.

Motion: Karl Gockel

Second: Tom Hutson

Approved

II. Business/Discussion

A. WAC E-mail / MS 'Teams' Migration Check-In

Ryan Naatz requested feedback from the Committee on how they are acclimating to the new platforms. The initiative has been incorporated to improve how the organization shares/distributes business-related and/or confidential information to better meet security requirements and IT standards. Committee members are expected to be reviewing packet materials during meeting discussion. As some are continuing to learn the new processes, Ryan has offered to have paper packet copies distributed to those who would prefer it. Discussion ensued regarding Amy Faulkner's efforts in looking for an alternative solution for Committee members to be able to go paperless without further burdening. In the interim, Committee members are asked to notify Kayla Henderson if they wish to have paper packets provided for meetings. This matter will also be reviewed during next week's WAC full Council meeting, October 28, 2025. Ryan recognized Kayla for the work that she has completed to make this migration successful, it has been a lot of work and was a daunting project for Kayla to take on right at the start of her employment, but she has done an amazing job setting everything up and then working with staff and board/committee members to ensure successful utilization.

B. 44 West Street Office Lease

The current lease agreement between the building owner and Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District (DCSWCD), of whom we sub-lease with, is still in effect through March 1, 2026. DCSWCD Interim Executive Director Graydon Dutcher recently informed WAC that, upon expiration of their current lease with the owner, they no longer wish to sub-lease to WAC. WAC will need to negotiate a lease directly with the building owner. Details were discussed regarding determining proper utilization of the building spaces and how utility costs will be apportioned by the building owner. As an immediate

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next step, Amy will be working with staff to confirm square footage allotments per occupant/agency, once that is complete, WAC will plan to engage with the building owner directly on next steps.

III. **Executive Session**

Motion to enter Executive Session made at 12:02 p.m.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Tom Hutson

Approved

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 12:45 p.m.

Motion: Tom Hutson

Second: Marilyn Wyman

Approved

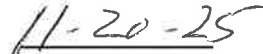
IV. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by common consent at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting scheduled will be held **November 17, 2025.**



Tom Hutson

WAC Board Vice Chair



Date