



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GENESEE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2025**

A meeting of the Genesee County Water Resources Agency was held in the Large Conference Room of Genesee County Building 2, 3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

**Members Present:** Bruno DeFazio, Diane Fowler, Hiedi Librock, Gary Maha, Steve Mountain, Shelley Stein, Christian Yunker

**Members Absent:** Danielle Cummins, Stephen Ferry Jr.

**Others Present:** In-Person: Julie Boasi, Genesee County Planning; Mark Boylan, Genesee County Attorney; Darren Brodie, Genesee County Health Dept.; Tammi Feringer, Genesee County Deputy County Manager; Justin Gerace, Genesee County Public Works; Bailey Groth, City of Batavia Public Works; Matt Landers, Genesee County Manager; Felipe Oltramari, Genesee County Planning; Laura Wadhams, Genesee County Public Works; Nelson Weibel, City of Batavia Public Works. Via Zoom: Tod Ferguson, Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA); Chad Klotzbach, Legislator; Mark Masse, Genesee County Economic Development Center; Rachael Tabelski, Batavia City Manager; Jennifer Webster, Arcadis.

B. DeFazio called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

**1) Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by G. Maha to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2025, seconded by D. Fowler and carried 7-0.**

**2) Phase 2 Construction Update –**

- i. Mumford and Churchville Pump Stations – J. Gerace reports that the Churchville submittal was approved and the pumps were ordered. There is a 3 to 4-month lead-time, so those pumps will be installed Spring 2026. They are going through the submittal process for Mumford and should be able to order the pumps in the next month or so. Mumford pumps are also expected to be installed Spring 2026.
- ii. Golden Road Pump Station – J. Gerace reports that pump #1 motor rehab is complete. The pump was installed, tested, and it is now in service. Both large pumps at this location are now in service. They will close out the contract with CP Ward.
- iii. Existing Pump Station Upgrades – J. Gerace reports that eight (8) out of the twelve (12) pumps have been received by CP Ward. They are going through the submittal process for the one small pump at North Road Pump Station and the parts for the two large pumps at this location have also been ordered. Additionally, one pump from the Riga Pump Station is being rehabbed. J. Gerace mentions that he hopes to have the new pump for North Road by February or March of next year and installed by Spring 2026. J. Gerace also reports that there has been steady progress

at Morgan Rd and Scottsville. Morgan Road pump #1 is being started up today and vibration tested. After 2-3 weeks of performance monitoring, they can move on to the next pump. All three (3) pumps should be tested and in service by December 2025 or January 2026. Scottsville is also has the first pump installed and going through vibration testing. Then will move to the second pump. They both should be done by December and can start the monitoring period. At the Riga Pump Station, one or two new pumps will be installed this fall before the cold weather and then the remainder of the work will be done in Spring 2026. The North Road Pump Station are expected to have two new large pumps installed by Spring 2026 and then return in September 2026 to rehab the two remaining pumps.

B. DeFazio asks if the manufacturer was holding the price on the pumps that still need to be delivered. J. Gerace says yes the price will remain the same. S. Stein asks if the larger pumps at North Road would provide more water flowing into Genesee County. T. Ferguson explain that the capacity will be there but there needs to be increased supply from the Mumford, Scottsville, and Riga pump stations. J. Gerace confirms that we will have redundancy by Summer 2026 and be at full capacity by September 2026.

**3) Phase 3 Master Plan and Basis of Design** – L. Wadhams reports that there has been a lot of fieldwork, modelling, projections, and meetings happening. They are working on developing a demand projection for a medium 25-year scenario at approximately 21 MGD (millions of gallons per day). How we get that is the next step and they are working through a supply alternative analysis. This entails meetings with stakeholders and MCWA, and testing the hydraulic model that Arcadis has created to determine how to get the water into Genesee County. Then, after it is in the County, we have to determine how to distribute it. J. Webster reports that Arcadis has put together a scorecard for fifteen (15) different water supply alternatives. Webster and Shoremont water treatment plants and purchasing a little more water from ECWA were the highest-ranking alternatives. Arcadis is also looking at some demand reduction alternatives that may help offload 2-3 MGD and potentially help minimize the number of physical improvements that would be needed to bring more water into the County. She is hoping to have a draft report by early next year.

**4) Water Source Supply Change Study** – J. Gerace reports that they met with Arcadis last month to review the water quality memo. They should be receiving the finalized memo within the next couple of weeks. As expected, the memo will state that further evaluation is needed. Genesee County will work with the NYS Health Department and MCWA on the pipe rig study, which will take approximately two (2) years to complete.

B. DeFazio asks how involved NYS will be in this study and J. Gerace responds that although the State was not that involved up to this point since it was more of a no impact study. Now that we are moving to a demonstration study, there will be a much more intensive review process by the State. C. Yunker asks who will oversee this study for the County and J. Gerace responds that it would be Arcadis. S. Mountain asks how the source study will impact the master plan and L. Wadhams responds that the master plan will not be held up; it will just impact the final design of the new system.

**5) Funding** – J. Gerace reports that no new funding has been acquired over the past 2-3 months. They are still waiting on final confirmation on the VA water storage tank making it through the

appropriation process. That was a \$10 million federal ask. J. Gerace also reports that they are waiting on the source determination for Phase 3 and then they can narrow down which Phase 3 sub-projects to ask for at which time. L. Wadhams adds that they are waiting to see how the federal shutdown may impact funding timelines. S. Stein asks if there are any issues with the deadlines for our current funding and J. Gerace says that the funding sources are aware of our delays and have agreed to extend timeframes at this point.

S. Stein mentions that everyone should be aware that Genesee County has a contract with the City of Batavia for water that ends in four (4) years. If our process is going to take more than four (4) years, we need to be aware of that and will need a capital plan for anything that needs to happen.

**6) Smart Growth Plan 2025 Review** – F. Oltramari reports that there was only one request from a municipality to make a change to the Smart Growth Plan in the 2025 review. There was discussion between the Town of Batavia and Genesee County Planning and Planning received a modified request from the Town in a letter dated September 18, 2025. The modified request was reviewed and is shown in "Map 7" at the end of this document. F. Oltramari explains that water hookups are automatic inside the Priority Development Areas. Outside of these areas, the applicant must get an approval from the County, except in the Town of Batavia, where the Town reviews water hookups. The Town of Batavia's request is to remove the pink areas along Route 98 and in places where the Development Area boundary should follow parcel lines, add the green areas including the large area between West Main Street Road and the Thruway, and in places where the Development Area boundary should follow parcel lines, and to leave the northern parcel along Rt. 98 as a Reserved Development Area. F. Oltramari also reports that there were some conversations with the Town of Bergen but they ultimately decided not to request any changes since the majority of the land in question is currently in the Agricultural District.

F. Oltramari states that Smart Growth is not effective in deterring solar developments since they do not require a water hookup. S. Stein asks if there is solar on any of the Town of Batavia proposed expansion areas and S. Mountain says that there are not in the expansion area but that there is a proposed solar development in part of the exiting Priority Development Area.

F. Oltramari states that these changes in the Town of Batavia result in an overall reduction of 6 acres in the Priority Development Areas, but is an increase in the amount of agricultural district land (232 acres), currently farmed land (268 acres), and strategic farmland (143 acres) included in the Priority Development Areas. He also reports that the Planning Department is supportive of this recommendation and C. Yunker adds that the Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is also supportive.

**A motion was made by S. Stein to recommend the Smart Growth Plan 2025 Review Report, seconded by D. Fowler and carried 6-0, S. Mountain abstained.**

**7) Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule** – F. Oltramari reports that the current meeting schedule conflicts with a Soil and Water Conservation District meeting held on the second Tuesday of every month. He proposes moving the meeting to the third Tuesday and also changing the start time to 8:30 AM.

There are no objections from the group. Next year's meeting date will be January 20, April 21, July 21, and October 20, 2026. F. Oltramari will send out calendar invites to all members.

- 8) **City of Batavia Aquifer Update** – N. Weibel reports that NYS issued a severe drought warning for most of Western NY and when the wells were measured on October 9<sup>th</sup> they were 2.5 feet below last year, which was already a historic low. The low level is creating issues with cavitation and sand being pulled into the softeners. They are also getting more complaints about smell and taste. N. Weibel suggests that Genesee County issue a conservation notice to all residents reiterating the drought warning and asking them to conserve. Genesee County will develop a notice to be issued jointly with the City of Batavia. N. Weibel also reports that current production is at 2.7 MGD.
- 9) **Next meeting** – January 20, 2026 - 8:30 AM at County Building 2 Large Conference Room.
- 10) **Adjournment** – **A motion to adjourn was made by G. Maha, seconded by D. Fowler and carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM.