



# Planning Board

*Monroe County, New York*

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## **Monroe County Planning Board** **Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2025**

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on February 27, 2025, at 3:30pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

**Members Present:** Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Andrew Hollister, citizen member; Dave Watson, citizen member; Millie Sefranek, citizen member (via zoom); Robert Colby, Legislator (via zoom); Rachel Barnhart, Legislator (via zoom); Robert Franklin, Dir. of Finance; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt Dept. of Environmental Services

**Alternates Present:** Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Deputy Co. Exec. Jeff McCann); Conor McMahon (for Asst. Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Kristina Daugherty (for Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety); Andy Fraser, DES; Joe Taddeo, Finance

**Planning Staff Present:** Ana Liss, Dir. Planning & Development; Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Board; Lisa Huntoon, Asst. to the Secretary to the Bd.

**Others Present:** Aviation Department: Allison Lia, Associate Engineer  
Law Department: Josh Pheterson, Sr. Deputy County Attorney

Vice Chairman Wiedemer called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF THE January 30, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion:** Mr. Watson

**Seconded:** Mr. Franklin

**Vote:** Motion Approved

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ms. Yixuan Lin announced that Conor McMahon has been appointed as the new alternate for Assistant County Executive Amy Grower. Vice Chairman Wiedemer welcomed Mr. McMahon to the board.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Terminal Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport, in the amount of \$1,000,000, from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000, for a total project authorization of \$6,000,000.

**Presenter:** Allison Lia, Department of Aviation

**Discussion:** Ms. Lia shared that this project is an expansion of the Strong Museum of Play exhibit. The airport has a partnership with the museum and this expansion will be in addition to the two exhibits currently at the airport. The new exhibit will be aviation related and will be interactive for all ages.

Ms. Lia provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The new exhibition is proposed in Terminal A.
- The exhibit will be built and maintained by the Strong Museum of Play and is funded by Monroe County Airport Authority

**Motion:** Mr. Franklin

**Seconded:** Mr. Hollister

**Vote:** Motion Approved

The following 11 action items, labeled from “b” to “l,” pertain to amendments to the 2025 Capital Budget for Pure Water projects. Vice Chairman Wiedemer instructed that these action items be presented consecutively, with a single vote to be held at the end of the presentation.

- b) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District entitled “GCOSD – GCO Pump Station Improvements” in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- c) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District entitled “GCOSD – General Collection System Improvements” in the amount of \$350,000.
- d) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District entitled “IBSCPWD – South Central Trunk Sewer Improvements” in the amount of \$1,200,000.
- e) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District entitled “IBSCPWD – General Pump Station and Interceptor Improvements” in the amount of \$450,000.
- f) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “Replacement of Heavy Equipment” in the amount of \$750,000.
- g) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “RPWD – CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements” in the amount of \$1,200,000.

- h) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “RPWD – FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades” in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- i) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “RPWD – General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements” in the amount of \$2,500,000.
- j) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District entitled “NWQPWD – WRRF SPDES Permit Upgrades” in the amount of \$1,000,000.
  
- k) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District entitled “NWQPWD – NWQ WRRF Electrical Improvements” in the amount of \$1,800,000.
  
- l) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project to the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District entitled “NWQPWD – General Pump Station, Interceptor and Treatment Plant Improvements” in the amount of \$950,000.

**Presenter:** Sean Murphy, Department of Environmental Services

**Discussion:** Mr. Murphy shared a map of the Sewer Districts in Monroe County. He explained that although DES oversees the Division of Pure Waters each district is its own financial and operational entity. Mr. Murphy discussed each project and provided presentation slides for each project. The Sewer District map and the presentation slides are included in the minutes.

Mr. Murphy provided below project information to the Board:

- “GCOSD – GCO Pump Station Improvements”: Mechanical, electrical/ instrumentation components, have served their useful life and are in need of upgrades.
- “GCOSD – General Collection System Improvements”: The GCOSD operates and maintains over 300 miles of sanitary sewers, approximately 45 pump stations, and ancillary facilities for customers in the towns of Gates, Chili, and Ogden, as well as Riga, and the Village of Churchville.
- “IBSCPWD – South Central Trunk Sewer Improvements”: IBSCPWD owns, operates and maintains the South Central Trunk Sewer (SCTS); approximately 5.64 miles long and varies from 21” to 30” diameter pipe.
- “IBSCPWD – General Pump Station and Interceptor Improvements”: Over 40 miles of interceptor sewers and force mains, ten pump stations including CIPS/IBPS and ancillary facilities servicing customers in the towns of Rush (Industry), Henrietta, Brighton, Mendon, Pittsford, Penfield, and a portion of Webster, the Villages of Pittsford, Fairport, and East Rochester.
- “Replacement of Heavy Equipment”: Heavy Equipment Examples: Combination Sewer Cleaner, 10-Wheel Dump Truck, Utility Bucket Truck, Stake-Bed Utility Truck, Crew Utility Truck, 6-Wheel Dump Truck, Utility Crane Truck.
- “RPWD – CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements”: Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Project (CSOAP) - System directs flow from surface sewer collection system into the tunnel system for storage and conveyance to FEV WRRF, and minimizes combined sewer overflows (CSO). Structural repairs, equipment

- replacement are required to maintain and improve and improve hydraulic capacity and ensure structural integrity of the system and its appurtenances.
- “RPWD – FEV SPDES Permit Upgrades”: State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit sets forth treatment limits for effluent to Lake Ontario. This funding will enable DES/Law to review, assess and plan for impacts/requirements from SPDES Permit Renewal.
  - “RPWD General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements”: RPWD Infrastructure - Over 700 miles of combined, separate and storm sewers, fifteen pump stations, CSOAP and ancillary facilities servicing customers in the City of Rochester and a portion of the Town of Gates. Example projects include: Charlotte Pump Station – Auxiliary Generator, Maplewood Siphon Improvements, General Sewer Repair and Cured-in-Place Pipelining.
  - “NWQPWD –WRRF SPDES Permit Upgrades”: State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit sets forth treatment limits for effluent to Lake Ontario. This funding will enable DES/Law to review, assess and plan for impacts/requirements from SPDES Permit Renewal.
  - “NWQPWD – NWQ WRRF Electrical Improvements”: The electrical substation equipment and cabling are 50 years old and has reached the end of its useful life.
  - “NWQPWD – General Pump Station, Interceptor and Treatment Plant Improvements”: NWQPWD Infrastructure: Over 60 miles of interceptor sewer, 4 large pump stations (Island Cottage, Flynn Rd, Buttonwood, and Spencerport), and WRRF. Services customers in the towns of Sweden, Clarkson, Hamlin, Parma, Greece, and portions of Ogden and Gates, and the Villages of Brockport, Spencerport, and Hilton. Example Projects include Buttonwood Pump Station – Air Release Valves and Flynn Road & Island Cottage Pump Stations – Flow Meters.

**Motion:** Mr. Franklin

**Seconded:** Mr. Watson

**Vote:** Motion Approved

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Yixuan Lin reminded the board the next meeting will be held next week and will begin at 3:00. The meeting will be held for the introduction of the proposed 2026-2031 CIP and the Board will set a public hearing date for the Proposed CIP.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

- March 6, 2025 at 3:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Mr. Franklin

**Seconded:** Mr. Hollister

**Adjournment:** 4:06 pm