



**OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INC.  
RESOLUTION**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** was convened on **December 15, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.** via web teleconference and the following resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**Resolution No. 05-2020**

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS BY THE CITY OF AUBURN (CITY OF AUBURN RESOLUTION #104 OF 2020) AND THE TOWN OF OWASCO (TOWN OF OWASCO RESOLUTION 20-149) AND TRANSMITTAL TO NYS AGENCIES FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

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MOTION BY:  Mary Alice Stetz

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (“N-PCL”, and hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), and a Certificate of Incorporation (the “Certificate”) filed with the New York Secretary of State on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2011, the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** (the “Corporation”) has been established as a not-for-profit, local development corporation to relieve and reduce unemployment, promote and provide for additional and maximum employment, improve and maintain job opportunities, instructing or training individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, carrying on scientific research for the purpose of aiding a community or geographical area by attracting new industry to the community or area or by encouraging the development of, or retention of, an industry in the community or area, lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest, including undertaking programs and activities in furtherance of managing, monitoring and protecting the water resources of Owasco Lake and the water resources within the Owasco Lake Watershed for the well-being and benefit of the residents of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Owasco Lake is the source of public water supply for both the Town of Owasco and the City of Auburn, and approximately forty-five thousand water users within Cayuga County; and

**WHEREAS**, the water quality of Owasco Lake is directly impacted by its watershed, which includes the lake, its tributaries, and all watercourses tributary thereto, and comprises approximately 205-square miles over Cayuga, Onondaga and Tompkins counties; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, pursuant to Public Health Law Section 1100, the New York State Department of Health adopted Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Section 104.1, which is commonly referred to as the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations (the "Watershed Rules and Regulations"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Watershed Rules and Regulations were adopted with the goal of enhancing protection and preservation of the water quality in Owasco Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Watershed Rules and Regulations, the water purveyors, the Town of Owasco and the City of Auburn are responsible for inspecting the watercourses within the watershed and for reporting violations in cases of noncompliance with the Cayuga County Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1984, the lands within the Owasco Lake Watershed have witnessed cumulative changes in land use and development; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, Owasco Lake showed its first detectable levels of toxins associated with harmful blue green algae blooms in its raw and finished (treated) water; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco and, and Cayuga County, have since worked cooperatively and with the Owasco Lake Management Council, Inc., to inspect, monitor, test, and, when necessary, treat the water, in order to continue to provide a clean public supply of water; and

**WHEREAS**, at the outset of the project, a Project Steering Committee was organized to lead the process by which the existing rules would be revised, and this Committee included representatives from the City, the Town, the Owasco Lake Management Council, Inc., the Cayuga County Board of Health, as well as interested farmers; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last three years, the Steering Committee has worked together with staff representatives and Project Stakeholder groups, to hold eight (8) Steering Committee meetings, five (5) public meetings, and at least ten (10) staff meetings, in a coordinated effort to created and recommend a revised draft of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2020, approximately four (4) years after the first harmful blue green algae blooms were detected in Owasco Lake, a final draft of the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations was transmitted to, the City Council of Auburn, the Town Board of Owasco, Cayuga County, the public stakeholders, and the general public for review, consideration and support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council acknowledges the financial burden the revised watershed rules and regulations will place on watershed residents as well as the Council's eligibility for supportive funding through New York State and Federal grant programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council** now wishes to express its support for the adoption of the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations by the New York State Department of Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council does hereby express its appreciation and thanks to the Watershed Rules and Regulations Project Steering Committee, the Extended Staff Working Group Affiliations, Project Stakeholder Groups, staff and the public at-large for all of the cooperative efforts and time spent in creating the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council does hereby endorse and support the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council will seek funding to support watershed residents, including residents of the agricultural community, working towards projects implementation according to new requirements under the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council does hereby request that the New York State Department of Health repeal the existing 1984 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations, which are cited at 10 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Section 104.1, and replace the same with the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council does hereby request that that a certified copy of this Resolution together with a copy of the revised Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations transmitted to the Cayuga County Department of Health be further transmitted to the New York State Department of Health for adoption; and

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SECOND BY: Debby McCormick

Dated: December 15, 2020

**Owasco Lake Watershed  
Management Council, Inc.**



Hon. Aileen McNabb Coleman, Cayuga County Legislator  
Member, ex officio



Hon. Edward Wagner, Supervisor, Town of Owasco  
Member, ex officio



Debra McCormick, Councilor, City of Auburn  
Member, ex officio

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF CAYUGA

I, Debra McCormick, the undersigned, Secretary of the **Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc.** (the "Corporation"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Directors of the Corporation, including the Resolution contained therein, held on **December 15, 2020**, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all directors had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law:"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

12-16-20  
Date

  
Secretary