

NITROGEN CREDIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, NCAB BOARD MEETING

The Nitrogen Credit Advisory Board (“Board”) meeting was held virtually via Zoom on September 21, 2023 and was called to order at 1:09 pm.

Board members present:

Nisha Patel (Chairwoman), Rebecca Augur, and Gary Zrelak and Kimberly Masson.

Board members absent: Tom Tyler

Other Attendees:

Carlos Esguerra, Christopher Falk, Ivonne Hall, Iliana Raffa, Robin Rittgers

New Business

MOTION: Ms. Patel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2023, meeting. Mr. Zrelak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2023 data overview: compliance with general permit

Ms. Raffa stated that the average nitrogen per day of 6,780 (eq. lbs. N/day) was discharged in 2023 from January through July, with treatment facilities meeting the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation for the State of 9,162 eq. lbs. N/day.

Despite being a very wet year, the continued warm weather this year has had a positive impact on nitrogen removal efficiency at treatment plants. Mr. Zrelak indicated that the GNHWPCA treatment plan is improving anoxic zones to further improve Nitrogen removal.

Status of buyers and seller’s payments

Ms. Masson stated that the town of East Hartford didn’t receive a \$2,722 payment for its sale of credits based on 2022 Nitrogen removal performance. Conversely, the city of Bridgeport didn’t pay its outstanding \$144,000 payment balance for related to 2022 Nitrogen removal.

Ms. Masson mentioned that most of the payments received by the State’s Treasurer office were not made by ACH as expected. Most of the payments were done by check. She expects that in the future more municipalities will make payments by ACH. (*ACH is an electronic fund transfer tool used by banks and credit unions and its acronym stands for Automated Clearing House network.*)

Ms. Patel stated that the objective of the next nitrogen meeting is to have a discussion of the proposal from USGS to continue funding nitrogen monitoring around the state and discuss 2024 NCAB tentative meeting dates.

Ms. Patel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zrelak seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

