

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Committee Chair D'Aquanni called the committee to order.

PRESENT:           11     ATKINS, D'AQUANNI, GORMAN, HOUSE, HOUSTON,  
                                  KAUL, LAWLER, PAOLONI, POLASEK, TRUITT  
                                  and VALDÉS SMITH

ABSENT:            1     PAGE

PRESENT/LATE:    0

QUORUM PRESENT

**Presentations and Reports**

None.

**Privilege of the Floor with respect to printed agenda items**

None.

**Resolutions considered out of numerical order will be placed in numerical order for fluidity**

**2025218 REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE DISTRICT 3 FISH AND WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

On motion by Majority Leader Houston, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Polasek, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Environment Committee with Legislator Page being absent.

**2025219 REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION BOARD**

Legislator Drago asked what the law is regarding the current body's authority to confirm appointments that will begin on January 1, 2026, given that the legislature will have a new makeup at that time.

Majority Leader Houston requested a five-minute caucus.

Committee Chair D'Aquanni entertained a motion to reconvene the Environment Committee. Motion carried.

Legislative Counsel Lindars stated "I've had a moment to speak with Miss Blackburn and it's our opinion that each of these appointments are either for a three or five year term, and all of these boards serve on staggered terms. Therefore, the constitution of those boards inherently binds a future board, but each board has the ability to do so. There isn't any prohibition from us doing it. The board can do it now because the same rule would apply to you guys coming in and the next board you'd have you'd be prohibited under the under your reasoning, and you can't do that, government would stop functioning. Because the terms are three or five, they exceed the term of the legislatures and they're staggered terms. For those reasons it's permissible."

On motion by Majority Leader Houston, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Polasek, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Environment Committee with Legislator Page being absent.

2025220 APPROVING AMENDED AND TWENTIETH RESTATEMENT OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS AND THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY FOR ZONES "029A", "029B", "030", "031" AND "032" ZONES OF ASSESSMENT

On motion by Majority Leader Houston, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Polasek, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Environment Committee with Legislator Page being absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.