ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, August 6, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

Committee Chair Kaul called the committee to order at 6:36 p.m.

PRESENT: 12 ALEXANDER, ATKINS, CASWELL, GILES, KAUL, METZGER, MUNN, POLASEK, REDL, SHAH, VALDÉS SMITH

ABSENT: 1 WINSBY

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

2026128 Authorizing county executive to execute grant agreements and Finance Department to receive and disburse funds allocated to Dutchess County under the 2026 Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Environment Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution with Legislator Winsby absent.

2026129 Authorizing county executive to execute grant agreements and Finance Department to receive and disburse funds allocated to Dutchess County, as an urban county, under the 2026 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Environment Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution with Legislator Winsby absent.

2026130 Adoption of negative declaration with respect to landowner requests to include their property within Agricultural District 21

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Environment Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution with Legislator Winsby absent.

2026131 Property owner requests to be included within Dutchess County's Certified Agricultural District 21

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Assistant Majority Leader Munn wanted to note that he distributed communication received from one of the applicants. He further noted that there has been a change from the recommendations, to remove one parcel which had been recommended for inclusion.

Assistant Minority Leader Metzger asked if it has ever happened before that the Legislature did not act directly on the recommendation of the Ag District Board.

Assistant Majority Leader Munn indicated that it has happened multiple times in both directions, whereby recommended properties were then excluded and properties not recommended were then included.

Assistant Minority Leader Metzger indicated that the prior changes had been done by amendment on the floor as opposed to with language contained in the Resolution.

Assistant Majority Leader Munn said the language was being used on the recommendation of counsel and that the new language makes it more clear to the public.

Assistant Minority Leader Metzger thanked Assistant Majority Leader Mun for the explanation.

The Environment Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution with Legislator Winsby absent.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Kaul adjourned the Committee meeting at 6:44 p.m.