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MICHAEL CUSANO – CHAIRMAN **MEETING MINUTES OF THE** **FISHERIES ADVISORY BOARD – August 20, 2026**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Michael Cusano, Ken Crane, Brian Kelley, William ‘Tim’ Brooks
ABSENT: Jason Howard, Les Monostory, Eric Stanczyk
GUEST: Gary Lopez

Chairman Michael Cusano called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM

Old Business:

Cusano went over the minutes from our previous meeting on July 24, 2026.

Motion to accept the July 2026 minutes by Brian Kelley, seconded by Ken Crane and passed.

New Business:

OCFAB Monthly Minutes

Mike has contacted the County Clerk’s office and was provided information as to where the Fisheries Advisory Board minutes are posted on the County Website. He will email the board members the link.

County Parks operations

Brian Kelley said that County Parks will be having a press conference on Monday, August 24, 2026, to announce the reopening of the newly updated and expanded Onondaga Lake Park Marina and Boat Launch. In addition, both seasonal docks on the East and West shore sides of the lake have been placed. Jamesville Reservoir is currently testing the effectiveness of 3 ultra sonic buoys the help manage algae growth in the waters around the park beach. The study is expected to last until the fall, with further information to be provided.

Carpenter’s Brook Fish Hatchery

Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs will be hosting Sportsmen’s Days on September 26th and 27th from 11:00am to 5:00pm at the Hatchery.

Water Chestnut Control Update

Brian Kelley and Gary Lopez attended the Onondaga County’s water chestnut control program will be presented by Mark Burger, director of the Soil and Water Conservation District on August 4th. They said it was well done and was attended by multiple legislative personnel.

Adjournment

The FAB meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. There will NOT be a September meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Onondaga County Parks office in Liverpool.

Minutes by Michael Cusano, August, 24, 2026.

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