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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 2012
Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Hughson called the regular business meeting of the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman
Harold Russell, Member

Beverly Martin, Treasurer
John Gorzynski, Member

Board members absent – Robert Kaplan, Member

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD
John Kline, SWCD
Karen Rauter, SWCD Nev/Rond
Patricia Westenbroek, CCE

Lisa Schick, SWCD
Leslie Kirby, SWCD
Meredith Maglio, SWCD Nev/Rond

- II. MINUTES:** Harold Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2011 meeting, Wilfred Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

- III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:** See attached written reports

Trish (CCE):

- Brian and Trish will meet with Bill Cutler and representatives of the Cornell recycling ag plastics program tomorrow to see if the wrap program can be brought to Sullivan County. The bailer would be brought in from another county.
- Brian and Trish are meeting with Alan Scott to find out about the grant for the no-till seeders, that we applied for and where it stands. Brian has gathered information from a couple suppliers. The cost for a seeder is approximately \$17,000 - \$21,000
- CCE will be advertising for an Ag Issue Leader. Susan Dollard has been hired as the Master Gardner. Sean Welsh was promoted to 4H and Family Consumer Science Leader.
- The Town of Callicoon has requested a consumer based water quality program. It will be conducted by Dr. Amy Galford on Jan 30th. She will discuss home water quality.

- CCE will be starting Annie's Project on January 12th. It is a risk management program for women to help them develop their strengths on the business part of farming.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written reports.

- Karen presented the Lease for a second room with the Town of Neversink. The cost is an additional \$3,600 per year. Beverly motioned for Brian to sign the lease, John seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- The Advisory Group met before Christmas and the meeting was well attended. The next phase of the group was discussed which will help run the grants program and comes after the town adoption of the Neversink and Chestnut Creek stream plans. The goal is to have the plans adopted in 2012. After the plans are adopted the mechanism for funding projects will come into play.
- Three grants funded project categories are education projects; highway and infrastructure, which gives us an opportunity to work with towns on projects where streams and roads come together and with bridges; and landowner assistance. An education meeting will be held on Wednesday to set up a group to discuss promoting projects for 2012. A highway infrastructure meeting will be held on January 24th for highway superintendents and supervisors. An action plan needs to be submitted to cover the next two years.
- For watershed Assessment, approximately 25 miles of the Neversink was rewalked and a few sites were assessed for a debris removal project. The Catskill Watershed is putting forth \$2.5 million for flood debris removal for towns.
- The sub-stream restoration channel work project at the VanAken property has been completed. This property is now slated to be a CSBI planting project.
- The CSBI planting of the flood damaged stream bank at the Ulster County highway garage was completed. The Plant Material's Center at the Tri-Valley High School is ready for overwintering. The end-of-year CSBI project tracking information has been delivered to Chris Tran of NYC DEP. Outreach for recruitment of new CSBI applicants is progressing through phone calls and mailings. There will be three deadlines for applicants- January 15, June 1 and November 1.
- A tour for the Legislators is being looked at for the spring.
- The program newsletter for landowners is in production and will be mailed in January to all residents of Denning and Neversink.
- A fundraiser is being held to help restore the Halls Mill Bridge. Tote bags are being sold for \$20 each, with \$10 profit going to the project. Bags will be distributed throughout the area.

B. Executive Session:

- Chairman Hughson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:00 pm, Beverly Martin seconded the motion and the motion was passed and carried. Beverly Martin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- The Board of Directors chose to terminate an employee. They are to bring all SWCD property, keys and paperwork back to the District tomorrow, Tuesday the 10th.

C. Flood Mitigation Work:

- The projects are completed and all but two vouchers have been paid. We are awaiting payment from the county for two vouchers.

D. Round 14:

- There are three projects that have not been completed - Weissmann, Erlwein and Lee.
- Brian asked the Board for a one year no cost time extension to complete what projects could be finished. John Gorzynski motioned to submit a resolution asking for the one year time extension, Beverly Martin seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- A commitment letter from the District will need to be submitted. Beverly Martin motioned to submit the letter of commitment from the District, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

E. Bank Reconciliation: The December bank reconciliation was reviewed by the Board of Directors.

F. Reorganization: Tabled until the next meeting

G. District Policy: Tabled until the next meeting

VI. **DISTRICT CLAIMS:** Harold Russell made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Beverly Martin, the motion was passed and carried.

2011 - 12B	\$ 247,820.23
2012 - 1A	\$ 7,376.95

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Town of Neversink (Nev/Rond)	\$ 7,350.00
Osterhoudt Excavating (Nev/Rond)	\$ 63,106.68 & 343.17
Sullivan County DPW (Nev/Rond/Veh)	\$ 630.95
Meadowview (Tree & Shrub)	\$ 1,600.00
Cardmember Services (Nev/Rond)	\$ 595.83 & 1,415.00

VII. **TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Harold Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet, Wilfred Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, February 13, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** By regular motion at 9:45 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman