



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 10, 2021
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 6:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Eugene Benson, Treasurer
John Diehl, Farmer Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Board members absent – Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman George Conklin, Legislator
Nadia Rajasz, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD

II. MINUTES: E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 12, 2021, board meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: No report was sent – E. Sweeny has left, A. Capraro is now covering his entire area alone.

FSA: No report was sent. Accepting sign-ups for Corona virus assistance, picked up two farms.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: Representative will come down when things open up.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- Had bid opening for the CR47 at Lake Cole stream restoration project. Baker Brothers was the low bidder. J. Diehl made a motion to accept bid, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.
- NYC DEP requested DEP grant funds be put into interest bearing checking accounts instead of savings account. E. Benson made a motion to open the capital and expense checking accounts, J. Sutherland seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

B. Program Updates:

- Bass & Minnow – Brochures out and orders are coming in.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (cont):

- District Audit is still on-going.
- Tree & Shrub – Program is done.
- No-Till Seeder – Parts ordered to fix machine.
- Flood Mitigation: Possibly 5 sites. Looking at sites with NYS DEC Rep. B. Drumm.
- Part C Funds:
 - H. Smith: Drainage project and feeding pad, which could coincide with EQIP.
 - M. Diehl: Drainage and manure storage.
 - W. Hughson: Repair old EQIP drainage project.
 - J. Sutherland: Expand site of Carbon Farming project.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. Tree & Shrub: Board approved looking into hiring someone to set up inventory order program on-line in District website.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: E. Benson made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by J. Diehl, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2021 – 4B	\$ 104,398.17
2021 – 5A	\$ 34,540.84

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 779,659.13 - See breakdown sheet

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. J. Diehl made a motion to approve the reports, J. Sutherland seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:45 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman