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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 8, 2022

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 Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman
 Eugene Benson, Treasurer John Diehl, Farmer
 George Conklin, Legislator

Board members absent – Nadia Rajszy, Legislator Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
 Anthony Capraro, NRCS Benjamin Luskin, NYSSWCC

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2022, board meeting, R. Kaplan seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS:

- 2022 projects had received 5 applications for EQIP; 4 have been approved, high tunnels and forestry program.
- 2023 program has received 7 applications thus far.
- Conservation Stewardship Program for Ag/Forestry producers is accepting applications.
- Three new staff have been hired. Planning on having 1 person be in the District office for a day every other week.

FSA: See written report

CCE: See written report

NYS SWCC: See written report

- B. Luskin came down and went on site visits throughout county.
- State committee meeting will be September 20. Managers meeting does not have a date as of yet.
- CRF grant has no official results yet. Will let us know when results are in.
- Annual plan of works due in November.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- Working on Ladleton restoration project
- Working on several CSBI plantings
- HS will be attending the Rosgen training in August
- One summer intern has left, the other two should be ending in August.
- Arm of Sea production will be held at the Neversink Fairgrounds on September 3rd.

B. Program Updates:

- Still taking orders for trout, bass and minnows. Distribution is set for October 3rd.
- Five flood mitigation projects have started. The project at North Branch/Hortonville where creek comes together, and the project at Norton property are supposed to be costly projects.
- The Wayne Bank CD paperwork to open a \$75,000 deposit was submitted for signatures. Discussed opening a CD at Catskill Hudson Bank as they are offering a 15 month at 1.26%. R. Kaplan made a motion to open a \$75,000 CD at each of Catskill Hudson Bank and the Wayne Bank, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. Health Insurance renews on September 1st. According to Health insurance contract, if all employees are not on health insurance policy, then employees need to contribute to the premiums. After discussion J. Diehl made a motion that starting September 1st, the District employees on health insurance plan will contribute \$1.00 per month which will be deducted out of the employee's paycheck, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: R. Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by W. Hughson, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2022 – 7B	\$ 102,955.31
2022 – 8A	\$ 205,346.00

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 251,298.98 - See breakdown sheet

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,
Vice Chairman