



**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 12, 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  
   Nadia Rajs, Legislator                              Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Board members absent – George Conklin, Legislator

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

- II. MINUTES:** R. Kaplan made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2022, board meeting, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

**III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:**

NRCS: No report was sent.

FSA: No report was sent.

- Several farmers have had their cornfields wiped out by wildlife this year.

CCE: See written report

NYS SWCC: See written report

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- DEP and SWCD staff will have a meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> to start next contract discussions.
- Still working on the Ladleton construction project.
- Seasonal employees are done working

B. Program Updates:

- Flood mitigation: One project has been completed, two started today, two starting shortly.
- Fish distribution is set for Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Working on Ag assessments and pond site visits.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. 2023 Budget:

- The 2023 Budget request reflects an increase due to rising costs.
- Added a Technician position along with a 10% COLA increase.
- Requested a \$20,000 increase in the flood mitigation funding and submit with budget.
- Budget reviewed, R.Kaplan made a motion to approve the budget and submit, J.Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

C. CPFA: Request due 11/1/2022

- Looked at a project site with Town of Thompson where they are utilizing vacant land along the Neversink River to create a small public park. The District would work with them to help create a public access along the river for fishing and kayaking.
- R.Kaplan made a motion to apply for the CPFA project and submit the request, E.Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

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

2022 – 8B	\$ 82,515.08
2022 – 9A	\$ 17,506.60

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 168,288.34 - See breakdown sheet

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

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** The Board chose to cancel the October meeting as it falls on a holiday. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 7:00 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,  
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,  
Chairman