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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 14, 2023

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
 Justin Sutherland, Farmer Nadia Rajs, Legislator

Board members absent – George Conklin, Legislator

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

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2023, board meeting, N. Rajs seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: No report was sent.

FSA: No report was sent.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: See written report.

NEVERSINK/RONDOUT: See written report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Program Updates:

- NO-TILL SEEDER: Being rented out this summer.

B. CPFA: The Town of Thompson River Access project in Thompsonville should be completed shortly.

C. Flood Mitigation:

- Town of Callicoon culvert project is underway.
- Town of Rockland Brown Settlement Rd culvert replacement project is on hold. They will try to rent equipment next year to do themselves to keep expenses down.
- Town of Rockland has two areas that need rocks for streambanks-Mongaup Road & Beaverkill Road. Hoping to start that soon.

D. Fish Program: Program doing well. Taking orders until September 18. Distribution will be September 30th.

E. Climate Resilient Farming Grant: Completed and submitted the CRF Request for Proposal on behalf of Bella Poultry. Project is to develop precision feeding for bird growth. Grant total is \$462,359 with a state requested funds of \$271,343 and District in-kind of \$3,412.

F. Technical Position: Conservation District Technician position description is being tweaked and then will be put out for advertising. Will check with county personnel to see if there is an available list.

G. CHB CD Renewal: The CD full amount was rolled over for a 7-month term with a rate of 4.25%. CD will now expire on February 25, 2024.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. The Board discussed the issue of using raw sewage and gray water on farmland. Board requested obtaining a subscription to Lancaster Farming as a source of information to possible potential projects and conservation issues.

C. Director/Staff Meetings & Training: Will keep Board updated on next Managers meeting. Looking for trainings for District staff to meet PM requirements.

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

2023 – 7B	\$ 56,116.15
2023 – 8A	\$ 20,404.84

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 138,449.17 - See breakdown sheet.

VII. **TREASURER REPORT:** The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. R. Kaplan requested obtaining information from auditors to review reports. Audit reports will be presented at next meeting. J. Diehl made a motion to approve the reports, R. Kaplan seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Lisa Schick,
Secretary to Treasurer

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman