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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
March 11, 2024

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 Catherine Scott, Legislator
 Jack Diehl, Farmer Nadia Rajs, Legislator

Board members absent – Justin Sutherland

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

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2024, Board meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: No report was sent.

FSA: No report was sent.

- Milk program has opened.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: See written report.

NEVERSINK/RONDOUT: No report was sent.

- Interviews were held February 23. Position was offered to Gillian Matthews and accepted. start date is set for April 8th.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Program Updates:

- Have several locations to look at for flood mitigation projects. Livingston Manor school has a berm with a sinkhole that needs to be fixed. There is a spot in Hortonville near the fishing access that needs work. Town of Rockland project is still on the list.
- Tree & shrub program is doing well. Received 96 orders so far.
- Spring Fish stocking program will be up and running shortly.

B. Envirothon Donation: The board discussed the comparison of Suffolk SWCD donation with respect to their county budget, which is approximately 1.25%. An equal percentage of our District county budget would be approximately \$3500. R. Kaplan made a motion to approve a \$3,500 donation to the NYS-National Envirothon program, N. Rajsz seconded, the motion was passed and carried. Funds coming from performance measures.

C. District Truck: The 2018 F350 was sold to R. Fredenburg. The RFP for new truck was sent out to NYS purchasing vehicle vendors.

D. Catskill Hudson Bank:

- The District’s CD was renewed as a 7-month CD with an APY of 5.01% .

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. Performance Measures: The District received \$207,832.85 for meeting all program parts in 2023.

C. Climate Resilient Farming Grant: State should be putting out another RFP for CRF shortly. The previous RFP was reviewed with State Representatives for clarifications needed to make the proposal better. LaBelle Farms would like to reapply for this grant. E. Benson made a motion for a resolution to submit the RFP on behalf of LaBelle Farm, N. Rajsz seconded, motion was passed and carried.

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.

2024 – 2B	\$ 23,531.77
2024 – 3A	\$ 35,855.52

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 115,473.06 - 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, C. Scott seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Lisa Schick,
Secretary to Treasurer

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman