



**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 13, 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 Rajszt, Legislator

Board members absent – Justin Sutherland

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD                      Lisa Schick, SWCD  
   Amber Gray, SWCD                                      Brenden Wagner, Nev/Rond

- II. MINUTES:** R. Kaplan made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2024, 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.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: See written report.

NEVERSINK/RONDOUT: See written report.

- Holding a Mycelial Streams, Watershed Regeneration Gathering on June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be three sessions; Managing hazard trees in the riparian area, Mushroom inoculation, and Exploring the connections between trees, mushrooms, and rivers. After sessions will have a community session releasing two videos about the Neversink/Rondout program and what they do.
- This is a close-out year so working on tying up all loose ends to meet contract requirements.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Program Updates:

- Tree & shrub program went well. Received 191 orders.
- Spring Fish stocking program is up and running. Have 10 orders.
- Flood Mitigation- Looked at sites with NYS DEC rep B. Drumm. Working on permits for some projects. A small pond near North Branch, which is a needed water supply for the fire department. The dry hydrant that is in the pond services a several mile radius for protection.

B. District Truck: Waiting for the truck to be completed and should be ready in June.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

- Discussed Wayne Bank savings account with 1.5% APY. C. Scott made a motion to move \$150,000.00 from the public fund account to the savings account, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

B. No-Till Seeder: Discussed per acre rental fees and use of equipment. Board decided to change rental fees to \$20/day.

C. Employee Manual: The District needs an updated Employee Manual. E. Benson made a motion to get quotes and references, C. Scott seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

D. NRCS EQIP Project: Bid opening for the streambank stabilization project for W. Diehl will be on May 23. Will know start date, and what forms are needed after opening.

E. J. Diehl Access Lane: This project was a Round 9 Ag Non-Point Source grant project completed in 2003. After a site visit, the lane needs some repair. Would like to get loads of shale to repair the access lane for Dan Diehl, who is the current operator of the farm. Funding would come from performance measures. Will look into requirements needed.

**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.

2024 – 4B	\$ 143,963.31
2024 – 5A	\$ 36,504.81

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 69,359.27 - See breakdown sheet.

**VII. TREASURER REPORT:** The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. C. Scott 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, June 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Lisa Schick,  
Secretary to Treasurer

Robert Kaplan,  
Vice-Chairman