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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 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 Jack Diehl, Farmer
 Nadia Rajs, Legislator, Catherine Scott, Legislator

Board members absent – Justin Sutherland, Farmer

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

- II. MINUTES:** R. Kaplan made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 9, 2024, board meeting, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: E. Fish called in.

16 EQIP projects approved, 20 Landowner assists, 2 new employees, W. Diehl project is wrapping up.

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:

- Pumpkin Smash: The event will be held on November 2nd . All vendors and recipients are on board.
- No Till seeder will be picked up, serviced and put away for the winter.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: cont.

B. Bank Accounts:

- Opened Income account- Any held funds have been deposited.
- CHB Account- CD came due and we transferred funds to the savings account. Will look into new bank as CHB will become a Credit Union as of beginning of year. Will check into Wayne Bank for accounts to transfer CHB funds to.
- CRISP Account- Would like to transfer funds to General Checking as it was being held open for N/R Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Grant funds, but grant is on hold. Will open new account once grant funding comes through. E. Benson made a motion to close CRISP savings account and transfer funds to General Checking accounts, W. Hughson seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

C. Flood Mitigation: Waiting for bills to come in for finished projects. Will try to carry over unused funds for next spring for Town of Rockland project.

D. Fish pick up was held on October 5th. There were 13 orders.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. CPFA RFP:

- Project would be doing a Knotweed Trials project at the Roscoe Fireman’s Park/Dog Park, where we would section off quadrants and try different techniques to eradicate the knotweed. The hope is to find a technique that works and we can start working on other areas.
- C. Scott made a motion to submit an RFP for the 2025 CPFA project, J. Diehl seconded, no one was opposed, motion was passed and carried.

C. 2025 Plan of Works: Plan was submitted and reviewed by Board. R. Kaplan made a motion to approve the POW and submit to NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee, J. Diehl seconded the motion, no one was opposed, motion was passed and carried.

D. Director Terms: R. Kaplan, J. Diehl, C. Scott, N. Rajsz Director terms will expire December 30th, 2024. Letter of interest for appointment needs to be sent to County Legislator Office.

E. 2023 Annual Audit: The auditor letter was submitted and reviewed by the Board.

F. November Board meeting: Meeting falls on Veterans Day. C. Scott made a motion to cancel the meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

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

2024 – 9B	\$ 32,623.56
2024 – 10A	\$ 24,077.54

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 193,231.13 - 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, R. Kaplan seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 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