



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 2024

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Kaplan 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 – Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman Jack Diehl, Farmer
 Eugene Benson, Treasurer Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Board members absent – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Nadia Rajszyk, Legislator
 Catherine Scott, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Amber Gray, SWCD
 Stacie Cologero, SWCD-Nev/Rond

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 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.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: No report.

NEVERSINK/RONDOUT: See written report.

- Requested to hire two Seasonal Interns to help with plantings, maintenance and plant nursery maintenance. J. Diehl made a motion to post the notice to hire two seasonal Interns, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Program Updates:

- Fish pick up will be held on October 5th. There were 13 orders.
- Working on the Flood Mitigation projects. Dry hydrant site had to be redone due to excessive rainfall from hurricane Debbie. Landowner will plant willows at site in a few weeks.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: cont.

- Have expended approximately \$60,000 of the funds. Waiting for Town of Fremont projects.
 - County Budget has been submitted to county with a 5% - 10% increase.
- B. Income Bank Account: Will table to October meeting
- C. AG attended the first CRISP meeting held here at the CCE building.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.
- B. Pumpkin Smash:
- Looking to hold a compost event On November 2nd for people to come and bring their pumpkins to smash them. CCE is willing to co-host the event.
 - Will have a couple booths for activities.
 - The pumpkins will be divided between interested farms.
- C. October Board meeting: Because meeting falls on Columbus Day, Board decided to move meeting to the following day, October 15th.
- D. CAFO Grant:
- Received a notice that RFP’s are being accepted for a CAFO grant. We have a farmer interested in a manure storage cover, a farmer interested in a liquid storage facility at two sites.
 - J. Sutherland made a motion to apply for the manure CAFO grants from NYS Ag & Markets, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

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 – 8B	\$ 141,776.65
2024 – 9A	\$ 32,297.43

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 136,577.85 - See breakdown sheet.

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:30 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,
Secretary to Treasurer

Robert Kaplan,
Vice-Chairman