



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2011
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 8:10 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman
 Harold Russell, Member Robert Kaplan, Member
 John Gorzynski, Member

Board members absent – David Sager, Member Beverly Martin, Treasurer

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

II. MINUTES: Harold Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2011 Meeting, Elwin Wood seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written reports.

- Lisa handed out the Neversink/Rondout budget for the Board to review.

B. Flood Mitigation Work:

- The District is still waiting for payments from the County for previously completed work. The submitted vouchers keep getting bounced from audit for various reasons. Brian suggested creating a one page check off list of paperwork needed for submission.
- There has been approximately \$170,000 submitted for projects to date. There are a few more bills to come in from projects that need to be submitted to DPW.

C. District Dinner:

- The District Dinner was postponed until next spring. A reservation at the Rockland House was set for Saturday, May 5th, 2012.

D. Electric Bill:

- The electric bill has already started to go down. CCE’s refrigerator has been unplugged, which should also help with the cost.
- The light pole out by the pole barn will be looked at to see if something is wrong that is causing the light to continuously go on and off.

E. DEC Gas Drilling:

- Brian attended the Managers meeting and spoke with Mike Latham at the NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee. The NYS SWCC has been working with the NYS DEC in developing the regulations that will govern this in New York.
- The NYS DEC is drafting a 3-phase stormwater permit only for gas drilling. The Department of Health will be involved to monitor wells when drilling will be anywhere near a public water supply.
- A base well test will need to be established before drilling is allowed on any site.
- The comment period is slated to end on December 12th, should the SWCD submit a written comment on drilling.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Reconciliation: The September and October bank reconciliations were reviewed by the Board of Directors.

B. District Director Terms:

- Those Directors with term’s that will expire on December 31st, 2011, are Wilfred Hughson, Beverly Martin, John Gorzynski, and the two legislator positions.
- The legislators’ term limit according to the resolution is a 2-year term limit. The county has established a 4-year term. A copy of the county resolution on term limits will need to be obtained in order to clarify the term limits.

VI. **DISTRICT CLAIMS:** Elwin Wood made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Harold Russell, the motion was passed and carried.

2011 - 10B	\$ 145,519.09
2011 - 11A	\$ 19,771.33

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Osterhoudt Excavating (Nev/Rond)	\$ 160,135.50
J. Hughson Excavating (Nev/Rond)	\$ 560.00
Sullivan County DPW (Nev/Rond/Veh)	\$ 543.95
Card Member Services (Nev/Rond)	\$ 398.31
Catskill Native Nursery (Nev/Rond)	\$ 1,356.67

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval continued:

Lee Truck Broker (Nev/Rond)	\$	520.00
The Cosmopolitan Hotel (Nev/Rond)	\$	425.00
Project Native (Nev/Rond)	\$	900.00

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Elwin Wood made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 12, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 9:30 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman