



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
April 14, 2014
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 8:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Beverly Martin, Treasurer
 Harold Russell, Member John Gorzynski, Member

Board members absent – Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman Eugene Benson, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
 Leslie Kirby, SWCD Brenden Wagner, SWCD/ Nev/Rond

II. MINUTES: Harold Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2014 meeting, John Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant:

- The planting season will be starting soon. Frost Valley, Neversink Fair Grounds, West Branch Demonstration project. We will be Hydroseeding on Denning and Neversink roads and also on the West Branch Demonstration project site.
- The program would like to purchase an enclosed trailer for moving plants and storing their equipment, which would also save time in traveling. The cost is \$6,722, which includes an additional fee to increase height to accommodate a gator vehicle, which they are thinking of purchasing in the future. The cost approved is \$7,500 or less.
- Under the new proposed contract with NYS DEP, the Catskill Watershed Corp. is requesting to have right of objection on projects during the contract. The present contract allowed CWC right of objection before the contract was signed by NYS DEP and SC SWCD. This new approval request is being discussed as CWC has no authority over the SW SWCD, and the funding will be going through the District.

B. County Audit Report:

The Directors requested to omit the paragraph from report or just state the District has seven directors, with two being legislators, according to NYS District Law.

C. NYS 41J Program: Table until the May meeting

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Reconciliation: The March bank reconciliation was reviewed.

B. Update on EPA “Navigable Waters”:

- The EPA is trying to rewrite the Clean Water Act Navigable Waters portion to broaden their control including encompassing road side ditches. The NACD, NYS SWCD and local SWCD’s are opposing this proposal.

C. Brian presented a cooperative agreement with USDA NRCS, NYS SWCC and SC SWCD for Chairman Hughson to sign. Brian would like to speak with the departments first as we have not been in contact with these departments. Findings will be presented at the May meeting.

D. Performance Measures:

- The Director trainings will be presented to Directors via a power point presentation at future Director meetings.
- Dates for meetings that Directors could attend will be presented when received.
- Performance Measures are expected to be funded for 2014.

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

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| 2014 - 3B | \$ 23,557.98 |
| 2014 – 4A | \$ 25,952.20 |

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: See sheet

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 5, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 9:35 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman