



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 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 Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman
 Eugene Benson, Legislator John Gorzynski, Member

Board members absent – Beverly Martin, Treasurer Harold Russell, Member

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
 Leslie Kirby, SWCD Karen Rauter, SWCD/ Nev/Rond

II. MINUTES: Eugene Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 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:

- Held monthly meetings for flood analysis. Hoping to send RFP out for May.
- Completed two planting projects; Frost Valley in the Town of Denning and Grahamsville Fair Grounds. Hoping to do the third project, which is on DEP property on Chestnut Creek.
- Working on new website for the District and hoping to have it up by end of May.
- Brenden will be going to graduate school in fall. Karen will look for internships to cover the workload.
- The District hydroseeded for the Town of Denning and Town of Neversink.

B. Cooperative Agreements:

- Brian presented a Cooperative Agreement between USDA NRCS and USDA FSA and the District for signature.
- The new NRCS representative for Delaware and Sullivan is Tony Capraro out of Cooperstown. He will come down to Sullivan one day per month and hopefully attend board meetings. Lori from FSA was down for one day.

- After reviewing the agreement, Robert Kaplan made a motion for Chairman Hughson to sign the Cooperative Agreement. Eugene Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried and Chairman Hughson signed the Agreement.
- The next FSA meeting is on May 22nd.

C. Flood Mitigation Grant:

- Cattail Brook – Tom Snow from the NYS DEC stated that we may be able to use grant funds to help Town of Rockland pay for the purchase of the 2 properties that were condemned along the Cattail Brook. Town of Rockland Supervisor, E. Whiteman, will work on purchase costs.
- North Branch Callicoon project legal notice for comment period was placed in paper. RFP for bidding should go out shortly.
- District Manager is talking to towns and working on putting a list of projects together for the \$100,000 County Flood funding.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

B. Bass & Minnow Program:

- The program has started. Brochures went out in April. We will be taking orders until June 16th and the delivery date will be June 21st.

VI. **DISTRICT CLAIMS:** Robert Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Eugene Benson, the motion was passed and carried.

2014 - 4B	\$ 40,088.08
2014 – 5A	\$ 19,578.81

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

VII. **TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Robert Kaplan made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, Eugene Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, June 9, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** By regular motion at 9:10 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman