



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

Board members absent – Beverly Martin, Treasurer

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Les Kirby, SWCD
 John Kline, SWCD Brenden Wagner, SWCD/ Nev/Rond
 Tony Capraro, NRCS

II. MINUTES: Eugene Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2014 meeting, John Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

T. Capraro – NRCS rep for Sullivan County.

- Visited several landowners in Sullivan County to look at projects to consider for funding.
- Accepting applications for another person to be staffed at the Walton office.
- Gregg Kistt, State Conservationist, started today.
- Looked at stream sites from last week’s storms even though Sullivan County has not been declared a disaster. The damages will be mapped out and will sit in que on a list until a declaration has been made.

B. Brustman – SWCD

- Brian, John and Les drove around assessing flooding damages after the excessive rainfall from July 2nd and 3rd, and spoke with Town officials. FSA representatives will be coming this week to look at farms that had water damage.
- The Emergency Post Flood Training project that we constructed in the Hortonville was washed out by the excessive rainfall.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:**A. Neversink/Rondout Grant:**

- Received five RFP's for the flood hazard assessment project, and bids range from \$50,000 to \$200,000+. There will be a committee meeting on July 24th to review each of the bids. A copy of the "grading" sheets and the RFP's will be brought to the next board meeting for board review.

B. Flood Mitigation Grant:

- Brian received permission from Homes and Community Renewal to pay the Town of Rockland for the purchase the two houses.
- GCFRP Grant - Received two bids for the North Branch/Callicoon Creek project. The lowest bidder was John Bernas at \$109,557. The project is hoping to start August 1st. One of the owners who signed permission to work on the property passed away. Advised by legal that we need to get approval from property Heir or Executor. If need be, we can change the project to go around that property.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Reconciliation: The May bank reconciliation was presented for review by Directors. The June bank reconciliation will be tabled to the August meeting.

B. AEM Contract:

- The 2014-2015 contract has been received. Eugene Bensen made a motion for Chairman Hughson to sign, John Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried. Chairman Hughson signed the contract.

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

2014 - 6B	\$ 48,366.22
2014 - 7A	\$ 16,014.17

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, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 11, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. - Motion by Eugene Bensen.