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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 11, 2014

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 8:00 p.m.

Board members present – Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman Beverly Martin, Treasurer
 Harold Russell, Member Eugene Benson, Legislator

Board members absent – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman John Gorzynski, Member

Agency representatives: – John Kline, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
 Karen Rauter, SWCD/ Nev/Rond Tony Capraro, NRCS

- II. MINUTES:** Eugene Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

T. Capraro – NRCS rep for Sullivan County.

- EWP Funds- Town Supervisors need to give a Letter of Request for assistance to NRCS, NRCS will then complete a damage survey assessment and send it to Washington with a storm report. Names will be put on a wait list until a disaster has been declared.
- Conducted site visits to several landowners for various programs, wildlife, barnyard tile problem, Forestry. Visited two hunting clubs for wetland monitoring.
- Hiring new employee for Walton Office to help and will take on more of the landowner visits in Sullivan. Gregg Kisk, who is the new State Conservationist, started last month.

Cornell Cooperative Extension: See written report

IV. OLD BUSINESS:**A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report**

- Summer Outreach is going well. Attended Heritage Day on Sunday, held an information session of the Flood analysis study project. Last outreach project will be for Frost Valley streamside landowners.
- Will hold an event for people who are interested in fishing in the area. Speakers from Woidt Engineering and DEC. The next step is to have a committee for research on water quality and fish habitat.
- Flood Analysis RFPs have been received and interviews have been held with the three firms that were not familiar. An evaluation form has been compiled on all firms and two firms are still being considered. The Board suggested hiring the lower priced proposal. Eugene Bensen made a motion to hire Barton and LoGuidice, which was the lowest responsible proposal at \$62,000, Beverly Martin seconded and the motion was passed and carried.
- Brenden will be leaving on Friday to complete his masters degree. There is an intern that is available to help Stacie with any remaining projects if needed.

B. Flood Mitigation Grant:

- GCFRP Grant - The North Branch on Callicoon Grant should be completed by the end of the week. There was extra work needed due to the additional excessive rainfall from
- GCFRP Grant – Most of the remaining funds is slated to be spent on the purchase easements of the two condemned houses in Livingston Manor by the Town of Rockland. This project is progressing slowly.
- County Funding – There are projects that are being considered. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Bank Reconciliation: The June & July bank reconciliation was presented for review by Directors.****B. Health Insurance:**

- The District's health insurance plan is up for renewal on September 1st. MVP Health Care insurance plans and the NYS Health Insurance Plan were presented to the board for review. The Board of Director's chose the Silver 3 HDHP plan for the District. Eugene Bensen made a motion to go with MVP Healthcare's Silver 3HDHP plan, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

C. Audit Report:

- The Auditor's report was handed out to the Board members. Discussion will be tabled until the September meeting so that the Board can review the report.
- The Board would like a copy of the County's capitalization policy for the next meeting.

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

2014 - 7B \$ 22,936.12

2014 – 8A \$ 13,026.56

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

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

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

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:30 p.m. - Motion by Harold Russell.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,
Vice-Chairman