



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2015

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
John Gorzynski, Member
Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman
Harold Russell, Member
Eugene Benson, Legislator

Board members absent – Kathleen Vetter, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD
Les Kirby, SWCD
Tony Capraro, NRCS
Lisa Schick, SWCD
John Kline, SWCD

II. MINUTES: Harold Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 meeting, Kitty Vetter seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

T. Capraro – NRCS

- Have 3-6 Farmers interested in the Conservation Reserve Program. Will check eligibility and practices available to them.
- A general CRP sign up for whole field/buffers has just started.
- Implementation practices-Forestry projects on hold due to long eared bats being on endangered species. Certain contracts cannot move forward.
- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan – one landowner has signed up.
- Kate and Jay continue to come down and meet with landowners
- EWP's last contract is moving forward.

CCE – See written report

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

- Contract has been received, reviewed and sent back to NYC Comptroller.
- A new account needs to be opened for the new contract. As the funding in this account will be large, Jeff Bank will be insuring all funds. Board approved opening the new account.
- Brenden will be doing a summer intern position when the new contract has been registered. R. Kaplan made a motion to approve hiring Brenden, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

B. No-Till Seeder:

- A \$10,000 grant for a no-till seeder has been submitted to the County Planning and we are waiting for word as to whether it has been approved.
- A grant will be submitted to the NYS Dept of Ag & Markets for funding for a no-till seeder. The grant is due by June 15th.

V. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Bank Reconciliation:** The May bank reconciliation was reviewed.**B. Insurance Policies:** Board reviewed the general liability insurance for professional liability. Per discussion with Insurer, the District has no professional employees who would fall under this policy. Therefore, the District will not be able to get this type of insurance.**VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS:** Robert Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by E. Benson, the motion was passed and carried.

2015 – 4B	\$ 27,730.96
2015 – 5A	\$ 15,040.73
2015 – 5B	\$ 40,230.15
2015 – 6A	\$ 1,430.02

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

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. E. Benson made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, R. Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 13, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. - Motion by John Gorzynski