



**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 12, 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 8:09 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman                      Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman  
   Eugene Benson, Legislator                      Kathleen Vetter, Legislator

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

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD                      John Kline, SWCD  
   Colleen Monaghan, CCE

**II. MINUTES:** R. Kaplan made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

C. Monaghan – CCE

- High tunnel classes upcoming
- Holding a Gala on November 8<sup>th</sup> 12 - 4

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- Discussion of LFA projects; Engineering study is complete, modeling is in progress, and cost benefit analysis will be done to determine which projects have the most merit
- It is expected to have at least one project for implementation next year

B. No-Till Seeder:

- Waiting for delivery either Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Check on warranty to ensure coverage into next spring

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

B. Flood Mitigation:

- NRCS - Cattail Brook Project; bids were rejected on the project and it will be rebid in the spring. Brian will speak with Tony C. to make sure funding will not be lost for this
- Sandburg Creek stream problem for next year's flood mitigation; Soil and Water will meet with DPW personnel to review damages at the location and determine what can be done to mitigate

C. CCE Lease Agreement:

- After some discussion, Robert Kaplan proposed to make a utilities and maintenance agreement for same amount we pay now
- Board discussed possibility of recouping some of the utilities and maintenance monies from USDA for providing space at our office for them to conduct business; we will examine the MOA with NRCS to see if this is a possibility

D. Ag & Markets:

- Check on Ag and Markets grant for farms released 10/12/15
- A brief discussion was held on the 2016 Part B Conservation Project money, and Gene B. made a motion to submit the Conservation Project Financial Assistance agreement for the Route 97 bridge in Hankins. Robert K. seconded the motion and it was passed and carried.

**VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS:** R. Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by E. Benson, the motion was passed and carried.

2015 – 9B	\$ 42,407.15
2015 – 10A	\$ 12,500.90

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

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

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 9, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 9:30 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,  
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,  
Chairman