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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 9, 2016
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
 Gene Benson, Member

Board members absent – Nadia Rajasz, Legislator Mark, McCarthy, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD John Kline, SWCD
 Lisa Schick, SWCD Les Kirby, SWCD
 Brenden Wagner, N/R, SWCD Anthony Capraro, NRCS

II. MINUTES: B. Kaplan made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 8, 2016, and March 14, 2016 meeting, H. Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

T. Capraro (NRCS): See written report

- Regional Conservation Partnership (RCP) Program had about 6 – 7 people signed up, but there is an issue with the watersheds and eligibility for some signees.
- EWP for Town of Rockland went out to bid. Closed last week.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- Starting the LFA for Sundown. Engineers did a walkover in April. The next step is getting the additional survey done. Meetings will start in May.
- Working on a RFP for clearing debris from bridges in Claryville where there were log jams. Will work with county.

- A Watershed Advisory Group meeting will be held Tuesday to look at SMIP grants. Look at upsizing culverts, design and construction. There are 4 culverts on East Branch in Denning and 2 culverts in Neversink on Sugarloaf Road and Hunter Road.
- Stacie is working on the Schoenburg project. It is for excavating and LaFever was the low bidder.
- The LFA site identified as the project most liked is the Bungalow Brook site. This project is a stream restoration project and was deemed to help the most people but the City has deemed it a maintenance project and will not pay for the work. The Directors approved doing the project with the flood mitigation funds.
- Received approval for two surveying/engineering contracts. A professional Service Agreement between the District and Louis Burger and Assoc. for surveying and LFA for Sundown. Harold Russell made a motion for Brian to sign, John Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- There is a washed out spot on Frost Valley Road that is being looked at for a restoration project. Contracting with MMI for engineering work and working with FEMA to try to get partial funding.

B. Contractor Training:

- The Contractor Training session went well. We had 52 people signed up. We have requests to hold another class in fall.

C. Tree & Shrub:

- Distribution was April 22 and 23rd. The sale was a success. There were about 150 orders.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Reconciliation: The March and April bank reconciliations were reviewed.

B. Fish Program:

- This year we combined the bass and minnow and the trout programs and had the distribution earlier. Order deadline is May 30th and the pick-up is June 4th.

C. No Till Seeder:

- Renter needs to include District as additional insured to rent.
- Can check on Liability rider to see if they can add us as an additional insured.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: H. Russell made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by G. Benson, the motion was passed and carried.

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| 2016 – 3B | \$ 16,899.19 |
| 2016 – 4A | \$ 16,465.01 |
| 2016 – 4B | \$ 48,731.21 |
| 2016 – 5A | \$ 1,939.48 |

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, G. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 13, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:10 p.m. - Motion by H. Russell

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman