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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 2016

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 8:08 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman
 Harold Russell, Member John Gorzynski, Member
 Gene Benson, Member Nadia Rajs, Legislator

Board members absent – Mark, McCarthy, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Les Kirby, SWCD
 Lisa Schick, SWCD Karen Rauter, N/R, SWCD
 Anthony Capraro, NRCS David Mortensen, NRCS
 Colleen Monaghan, CCE

II. MINUTES: E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2016, W. Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

T. Capraro (NRCS): See written report

- Introduced David Mortensen, NRCS Supervisor out of Walton. He started in December.
- Visited Michel Farms for EQIP surveying and design.
- Town of Rockland – EWP project was awarded to Delaware Bulldozing. They have started and should be done by end of month.
- CRP signed contract with Brian. Will set up time for survey, design the practices, pothole and spring development. Hoping this project will spark interest with other farmers.
- RCPP – still working on eligible land issues and accepting sign-ups.
- Climate Change Mitigation practices. Sign-ups close June 17th. Funding is less than \$1 million statewide and competitive.

C. Monaghan (CCE): See pamphlet

- Presented No-Till Seed/Cover Crop Series training opportunity. CCE will partner with the District for this training. There will be three sessions with a class on July 7, September 1, and October 5.

Amber Paice of NYACD started in January and stopped by to introduce herself.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- Handed out a list of scheduled meetings.
- Started survey work for Sundown.
- CSBI project at Connors Farm (Schoenberg property) started today. Eroded stream bank on hayfields. LaFever was the low bidder and contracted to do the job.
- Working on information for the bigger stream bank restoration projects that will happen in 2018. Need to work on surveys and landowner agreements.
- Went to Town Boards Denning and Neversink. Are hoping that the towns accept the Claryville LFA by next month. This will make town and landowners eligible for other programs that will become available.
- New F350 Truck was received. Will be leased out to the Neversink/Rondout program. Funds will be expensed from the CHB savings account.

B. Fish Program:

- The fish distribution was held June 4th. There were 47 landowners who ordered.

C. Flood Mitigation:

- Have three projects set up at present, Town of Callicoon, Town of Tusten and Town of Rockland-Cattail Brook.
- There is \$100,000 in Flood Mitigation Funds.

D. Managers Meeting:

- Need to Develop a FOIL Policy.
- Part C funding may now be used to help expand an already existing program.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

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

B. County Audit:

- Working with the new auditors to help them complete the 2015 audit.
- The Director Questionnaire was submitted for signatures.

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

2016 – 5B	\$ 58,280.14
2016 – 6A	\$ 27,129.44

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

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. E. Benson made a motion to approve the Reports, H. Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 11, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,
Vice-Chairman