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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 12, 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 8:00 p.m.

Board members present – Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman Nadia Rajsz, Legislator
Harold Russell, Member John Gorzynski, Member

Board members absent – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Mark, McCarthy, Legislator
Gene Benson, Member

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Les Kirby, SWCD
John Kline, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
Stacie Cologero, SWCD/Nev/Ron Tony Capraro, NRCS

II. MINUTES: H. Russell made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2016 board meeting, J. Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

CCE: Will be holding a meeting on Manure Management for Farmers on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

NRCS:

- Working on finishing up various contracts before end of fiscal year- Sept 30.
- Met with a new farmer in Parksville
- Met with several potential applicants for hoop houses.
- Met with landowner in Monticello for a forest management plan.
- October starts next round of applications for programs.
- Revamping the Conservation Stewardship Program to make it more user friendly.
- Stopped by EWP project in Livingston Manor. Cattail Brook project is completed.

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

- Held 3rd Sundown LFA meeting. B & L submitted presented the model for flooding. The bridge appears to be sized correctly, but undersized driveway culverts seem to present some issues. A full restoration model was presented to show reduced flooding through main artery of Town. The next meeting is Oct 13, and will have benefit cost analysis for projects.
- The knotweed walkover and treatment was completed for the Chestnut and Rondout areas.
- Will be participating in an invasive working group.
- Finished a small flood prevention project on East Branch of Neversink at Claryville Church Hall.
- Vegetation monitoring on 26 sites was completed.
- The Third Annual Anglers Symposium is set for October 21st.
- Videos from the River Shorts event are now posted on line.
- Posted a job announcement for a Student Conservation Association intern, that will run January through November, 2017. Three applicants for the Stream Restoration Assistant job were interviewed, but was decided they did not fit the program.

B. Flood Mitigation:

- Received NYS DEC permit to do the Bungalow Brook project.
- Waiting for NYS DEC permit to do the Town of Tusten Swamp Pond Road project.
- Waiting for bills from Town of Rockland EWP project.
- Looking to purchase culverts for three projects. Will do the projects in spring. Will work on getting permits from DEC this fall and winter.
- Looking to do a large project on Sullivan West road next year.

C. District Law Training: Director N. Rajs, was given the District Law training.**V. NEW BUSINESS:****A. Bank Reconciliation:** The August bank reconciliation was reviewed.**B. Employee Benefits:**

- Directors discussed annual leave. Will leave as states in policy.
- Directors discussed compensative time. Lisa will look into facts for next meeting.
- Check with County Legislature for Legislative Director term to be one year.

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

2016 – 8B	\$ 35,171.53
2016 – 9A	\$ 18,036.73

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

- VII. TREASURER REPORT:** The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. H. Russell made a motion to approve the reports, J. Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

- VIII. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 9:30 p.m. - Motion by J. Gorzynski

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,
Vice-Chairman