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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 12, 2017
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 – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman, Gene Benson, Treasurer
Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman Nadia Rajs, Legislator
John Gorzynski, Member Harold Russell, Member

Board members absent – Mark, McCarthy, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD John Kline, SWCD
Les Kirby, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
Karen Rauter-SWCD/Nev-Rond Anthony Capraro, NRCS

Public attendees: - Gary Hartung

II. MINUTES: N. Rajs made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 8, 2017 board meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

A. A. Capraro (NRCS):

- EQIP application deadline is this Friday, June 16. Had a forestry applicant from Livingston Manor and a couple farmers with cover crop applications.
- RCPP – Have several applicants: Audubon Society forestry project, Delaware River Watershed, four forest management plans and a farm easement. We are taking sign up for next year's funds, which are due July 21st.
- Young Forest Initiative is a new program under RCPP. It is for forest and shrub habitat, with 2 – 4 acres.
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)- Application Round has ended. Have 1 applicant approved for forestry. It is a 5-year contract.
- A 2-year contract was submitted for the District to perform farm overviews for NRCS. The District will review landowners progress in regards to the Wetland Program for a fee.

B. B. Brustman: (FSA): There was no May meeting

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

- Grants program is moving along. Working with schools, museums and Frost Valley YMCA.
- New intern under the watershed assessment has started. He is working on a grant package for the 3 applicants who would like to build augmented reality sandboxes. The sandbox utilizes a projector to show how streams work.
- The USGS fisheries study will begin June 26.
- We have a researcher, Ellen Wohl, in Colorado who is going to do a study on 2 ½ miles of stream near the top of the west branch in Neversink. The study will be of Trees and Cobble, which the researcher and will walk the section of the stream, count the pebbles and measure all wood to see where sediment is grading and degrading and map the valley and geometry of the stream channel using existing LiDar, which is the imaging for geographic information system. She will then create a model. The goal is to get a deeper understanding of the sediment process. It is a 2-year study that is slated to start next summer. N. Rajsz made a motion for the District Manager to sign the contracts, G. Benson seconded, motion passed and contract was signed.
- A hydroseeding experiment was done on Denning Road with a contractor called Profile, which demonstrated new supplies and techniques. Germination results are pending.

B. District Policies: Policies will be tabled to the July meeting.**C. Insurance:**

- Due to the additions in District's policies, the Board requested that the District's insurance policies should be rebid. An RFP will be sent out to insurance companies, including a copy of the deck sheets that shows the Districts requirements.

D. Performance Measures:

- The meeting list was presented to the Board. One more Board Director is needed to attend a meeting in order to meet this requirement. R. Kaplan has volunteered to attend the Managers meeting this month.

V. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Bank Reconciliation: The May bank statements were reviewed.****B. No-Till Seeder:**

- The no-till seeder was damaged during a rental use. The Truax Company was informed and flew out an employee who repaired the machine. It has not been determined as to whether the damage was due to equipment failure or caused by rentor. We are awaiting determination.
- The Rentor would like to finish seeding and stated that the insurance rider is still in place.
- Directors stated to let rentor use the machine now and the party responsible for the expense will be determined later.

C. AEM Contract:

- The contract for AEM Year 13 was presented for signature.
- Contract year is from May 2017 – May 2018.
- N. Rajsz made a motion for Chairman Hughson to sign the contract, E. Benson seconded, motion was passed and contract was signed.

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

2017 – 5B	\$ 113,522.01
2017 – 6A	\$ 23,305.97

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 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 9:35 p.m. - Motion by H. Russell

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman