



**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 12, 2010**  
**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  
John Gorzynski, Member  
Robert Kaplan, Member  
Dave Sager, Member  
Harold Russell, Member  
Beverly Martin, Treasurer

Board members absent - Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD  
John Kline, SWCD  
Rich Lewis, NYS SWCC  
Patricia Westenbroek, CCE  
Quentin Gayhan, NRCS  
Les Kirby, SWCD  
Lisa Schick, SWCD  
Karen Rauter, SWCD  
Leon Brooks, NRCS

**II. MINUTES:** Robert Kaplan made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010, meeting, John Gorzynski seconded; the motion was passed and carried.

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

Leon Books (NRCS):

- Introduced Quentin Gayhan as the new NRCS area conservationist. He will be working on EWP and doing outreach.
- Eventually a civil engineer and technician

Quentin Gayhan (NRCS):

- Quentin gave a brief informative statement about himself. He is stationed in Walton
- Bob Kaplan made a suggestion for Quentin to write an article every month for the Cornell Cooperative Extension Newsletter, which will reach most farmers in the county.

Patricia Westenbroek (CCE): See attached report

- Joe Walsh is retiring April 30<sup>th</sup>. CCE is holding a retirement party at the Rockland House on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The new director will start June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Ag Program roadshow is off to a good start.
- An online class on Marketing Your Livestock, and another class on Improving Meat Quality and Production Methods for Specific Markets, will be held every Tuesday and Thursday in April and May.
- A cheese making class will be held every Monday in April.
- Beef Day will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gempler Farm in Jeffersonville.
- There will be a No-till workshop held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Paul Hahn's in Callicoon Center.
- There will be a Butcher class for farmers on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rich Lewis ( NYS SWCC):

- Rich handed out two sheets; a 2009 Annual Report of the New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee showing their 2009 highlights and program overview, and a sheet that explains the NYS SWCC mission, who they are, what they do and a map of the state showing the regions and the people who cover that region.
- The primary role of the NYS SWCC is to support county Soil & Water Conservation Districts. They continue to look for ways to help fund the Districts.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **A. NYC DEP Contract:**

- Hosted a two-day training class for the NYC Watershed stream management staff across the five county area on Streambank soil and bio-engineering in Claryville. Chris Hoag, A streambank soil bio-engineering expert from Idaho and John Fripp, an NRCS expert from Fort Worth Texas were brought in to teach the class. Both experts were also here for a consult to review the stream restoration project site that is set to be completed under the Rondout/Neversink grant with NYC DEP and to hopefully have them help with the implementation of the project in the fall. Karen is also thinking about bringing all the attendees back to see the project work and possibly be part of the implementation process.
- Bobby is working on the Catskill Stream Buffer initiative program. This program is to work with landowners to help solve land problems with vegetative buffers. He has received six eligible responses and he is trying to get three projects for this year. Projects that are not funded will be asked to apply for the October sign-up.
- Two neighborhood stream study meetings for streamside landowners in the Rondout watershed were held. The meetings were held so that landowners could hear the results of what happened during the summer study and what the recommendations are, and to voice their comments. Approximately 25 people attended the meetings.
- A stream management planning workshop will be held on Thursday for the Town Supervisors and Highway Dept. heads for Town of Neversink-Gregg Goldstein, and Town of Denning, Bill Bruning to review the results of the Rondout study. There will be a larger advisory meeting in May.
- The Outreach Plan is in the process and will be for two years. Planning is underway and Karen will bring the plan to next meeting. The plan will need to be adopted during May or June.

##### **B. Stormwater Training:**

- The Stormwater training was held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a good turnout for the Stormwater training session, 58 people attended.

- As of May 1<sup>st</sup> all the rules and regulations take affect and contractors need one certified person on site. Depending on updates the District may want to hold an annual session.
- The District made approximately \$2,500.

C. AEM Update: May 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for completing Year 5, and for beginning Year 6 work. Rich Lewis will come down with two months of the closing date to do the final close out.

D. District Dinner:

- As yet the Eldred Preserve has not responded for a quote for hosting the District Dinner. Friends Restaurant in Smallwood would not be able to accommodate us at this time. Lisa will check with 52 Steakhouse in Liberty. The Rockland house is still a possibility. Lisa will correspond via e-mail to Board members as new information arises.
- Harold Russell motioned for Willie to be the 2009 Conservation Farmer, Beverly Martin seconded. Willie did not accept.

E. County Audit:

- The audit was held last Monday and Tuesday. Everything went fine. He will give us a management letter this year.
- Each Board member will be sent a letter and questionnaire from the auditor.

## V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bank Reconciliation: The April Bank Reconciliation will be reviewed at the May Board meeting.
- B. Bass & Minnow Program: This is the time to begin the annual Bass & Minnow program. Dave Sager made a motion to proceed with the program, Robert Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- C. The Tree and Shrub pick-up is set for April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Totals will be available for the next meeting. There were approximately 110 orders.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: Harold Russell made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Robert Kaplan, the motion was passed and carried.

2010 - 3B	\$ 60,406.72
2010 - 4A	\$ 9,914.86

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Karen Rauter (Rondout)	\$ 398.57
Quill Corp.	\$ 702.40
Quill Corp. (Rondout)	\$ 528.71
Kristt Company (Rondout)	\$ 730.95
Hoag Riparian (Rondout)	\$ 9,367.00
Card Member Services (Rondout)	\$ 516.00 & \$ 616.55
Misner Agency (Rondout)	\$ 1,000.00
NYSCDEA (Envirothon)	\$ 450.00
NYACD	\$ 1,500.00

**VII. TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Dave Sager made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet, Robert Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 10, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** By regular motion at 9:05 p.m.

Lisa Schick,  
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,  
Chairman