



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2018
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
	Nadia Rajs, Legislator	Gene Benson, Treasurer
	John Gorzynski, Member	

Board members absent –	Mark, McCarthy, Legislator	Harold Russell, Member
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Agency representatives: –	Brian Brustman, SWCD	Lisa Schick, SWCD
	Karen Rauter, N/R/SWCD	Michelle Lipari, CCE

Public Attendee: Gary Hartung

- II. MINUTES:** J. Gorzynski made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 12, 2018 board meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

M. Lipari (CCE):

- The job fair held at SUNY Sullivan was a success.
- The Guidebook for Farmers in the Catskills Region is now available.
- There will be an Invasive Species class on April 20th.
- The annual plant sale will be held on May 20th.

B. Brustman (FSA):

- A meeting will be held at end of month.

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

- Planning on having site showings by end of month.
- There will be 3 large projects this summer.
- Working on a grant contract between the Neversink Rondout grant and Ulster County for a highway project, and hope to have that paperwork available soon.
- Will be sending the proposed new Neversink/Rondout contract to the county attorney for review.

B. Program Updates:

- Flood Mitigation projects-Will start with proposed project site reviews with NYS DEC rep. Looking into a general permit that will simplify the application process for simple projects.
- Tree & Shrub program distribution is set for April 20 and 21st. The program is having a great turnout and most seedlings have been sold.
- Bass & Minnow program – Brochures will be sent out this week. Distribution will be June 30th.
- Right to Farm Law signs - Signs are being posted along county roads near farms. CCE will check to see if they can get more signs.

C. Personnel Policy – The policy was sent to county personnel for review and we are waiting for the response. Will table until the May meeting.**D. Insurance:** Did not receive any bids. The Board chose to stay with our current insurance agent and keep policies as is.**V. NEW BUSINESS:****A. Bank Reconciliation:** The March bank statements were reviewed.**B. G. Hartung:** Mr. Hartung addressed the Board of Directors stating that he was unhappy with an invoice he received for the use of the no-till seeder in 2017. The invoice was discussed, and the price was reduced to better reflect the lesser acres planted and deducted one delivery fee. Mr. Hartung was amenable to this compromise.**C. The County's auditors** will be here to audit the District's financials on April 24th.**D. State funding** -\$60,000 reimbursement, and \$87,882.23 Part C performance measures for use on eligible projects, have been received.**VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS:** E. Benson made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by N. Rajs, the motion was passed and carried.

2018 – 3B	\$ 42,802.11
2018 – 4A	\$ 1,073.20

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 20,578.54 - See breakdown sheet

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. N. Rajsz made a motion to approve the reports, R. Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 14, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. - Motion by N. Rajsz

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman