



**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 13, 2015**

**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  
Beverly Martin, Treasurer  
John Gorzynski, Member

Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman  
Harold Russell, Member  
Kathleen Vetter, Legislator

Board members absent – Eugene Benson, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD  
Les Kirby, SWCD  
Stacie Howell, SWCD/NR

Lisa Schick, SWCD  
John Kline, SWCD  
Kate Teale, NRCS

- II. MINUTES:** Harold Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting, Kitty Vetter seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

K. Teale – NRCS

- Received 4 EQIP applications
- Will conduct CRP visits with FSA next week
- Discussed knotweed problem and possible programs

CCE – See written report

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

- Contract is still waiting for final approval by NYC DEP and NYS Comptroller. It may be June before funds could be received.
- Accepting applications for SMIP grants. Have received five apps between Town of Neversink and Town of Denning. An application has been received from C. Smyth, Town Historian, for education.
- Action plan is ready and will be reviewed by WAG committee in April.
- Flood Analysis- With warmer weather the staff will be able to do the final data collection needed for B & L to finish the model. A public meeting will then be set.
- There were two proposals received in response to the RFP for finishing plants for the CSBI projects. One proposal was dismissed due to incomplete data. The second was above the threshold but we are working with that company to negotiate an acceptable cost. If a proposal is not accepted, the next step may be that each District will house their own plants.
- Held the programs second annual Hemlock Woolly Adelgid summit meeting on April 2 at Frost Valley for possible solutions to prevent further hemlock decline.
- Brenden Wagner is working on a proposal to return as a summer intern for research. A possible start date may be beginning of June but will not happen until the new contract is in place and funding has been received.

**B. COLA:**

- Directors discussed employee cost of living increase that has been postponed from previous meetings. B. Kaplan recommended a 2% increase. H. Russell made a motion for a 2% COLA increase, retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, W. Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

**C. No-Till Seeder:**

- Received a quote from Truax for \$31,000. Brian is working on getting quotes from local distributors.
- Lisa will check with County Planning Department on the small Ag grant for partial cost. Remaining cost will come from District through funds received by NYS Dept. Ag & Markets for Performance Measures that need to be used for new programs.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

B. County Audit: Auditors were here on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Audit seems to have gone well.

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

2015 - 3B	\$ 16,963.70
2015 - 4A	\$ 13,160.34

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

**VII. TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Wilfred Hughson made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 11, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 9:05 p.m. - Motion by Kathleen Vetter.

Lisa Schick,  
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,  
Vice-Chairman