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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 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 8:10 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman
Dave Sager, Member

John Gorzynski, Member
Robert Kaplan, Member

Board members absent - Beverly Martin, Treasurer
Harold Russell, Member

Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD
John Kline, SWCD
Bobby Taylor, SWCD

Les Kirby, SWCD
Lisa Schick, SWCD
Patricia Westenbroek, CCE

II. MINUTES: John Gorzynski made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2010 meeting, Robert Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports

Patricia Westenbroek (CCE):

- Both John Selover, the new Director, and Dan Shockey have left CCE. Joe Walsh is back part-time to fill in for John and Dan until a new Director is hired. Dan's Ag Program position will be filled first and CCE is hoping to fill the position by the end of the year.
- Down on the Farm Days was held at the Weissmann Dairy Farm on August 7th, and there were over 275 people in attendance.
- Dairy prices are starting to rise. The New York Farm Worker Labor Bill was defeated in the Senate. The reauthorization of the Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act has passed the full Senate.
- The Sullivan County Corn Field Day will be held on September 8th at the Dan Peters Farm in Callicoon.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NYC DEP Contract: See attached report

- The Rondout Stream Management Plan was presented to the Town of Denning with positive feedback. This plan will be presented to the Town of Neversink on Wednesday, August 11th. It is hoped to complete the summary documents to give to the towns at their September meetings in hopes to have the towns adopt the plans by resolution at their October meetings.
- Watershed assessment of the Neversink and Chestnut Creek should be completed by end of August. The results and recommendations will be written up by Malone and MacBroom along with the DEP stream ecologist.
- A contract has been signed with the Bioengineering Consultant, Chris Hoag, for designs on the two Rondout restoration projects. Two contracts with Kelly Engineering are in progress and we are hoping to have a signed contract shortly. A meeting was held with Hoag and Kelly Engineering to begin the project planning for the Highway Garage site at Sundown. Kelly Engineering has started work on the project.
- The plant materials center was completed for the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative. The first buffer installation in Sundown is hoped to take place in September.
- Presentations about the stream program and Neversink walkover were made at the Winisook Club on July 12th and at the Winton Waters' stockholders meeting on August 7th. An exhibit on native plants and invasive species awareness has been made, in partnership with the Time and the Valleys Museum, for the Old Time Fair in Grahamsville on July 31st.
- A presentation will be given on the Neversink walkover and Stream Management Plan on September 5th.

B. Flood Mitigation Sites:

- The work for the permit for the Krongel site in Kohlertown should begin within the next two weeks. The Town of Callicoon Dewitt Flats and Stump Pond Road do not need permits.
- Two to three sites for the Town of Rockland at Renaissance Park.
- Upper Delaware Flood Mitigation Grant for \$188,000; needs to be utilized this year and next.
- Develop emergency protocol list for flood response for Town Highway Supers.
- Spot by Price Rite – trees in Brook- will take a look at this.
- Above Stone Arch – large woody debris removal needed.
- Quentin is working on EWP funds for Village of Jeffersonville- projects for next year.

C. District Dinner:

- Three restaurants submitted bids for the District Dinner. Villa Roma for \$35.00 per person, Eldred Preserve for \$25.00 per person and the Rockland House for \$16 for chicken and \$19 for Prime Rib meal. The Board of Directors approved the Rockland House to hold the Dinner.

- Dates to hold the event considered were September 18th, 25th, or October 2nd. The Board decided to hold the dinner on either the Sept. 25th or Oct. 2nd. Lisa will check with the Rockland House and which date is available.
- The Board decided to forgo a farmer conservation awardee for this year and suggested that the District award the Legislators and the County of Sullivan as the conservationist for all their work and continued support for flood and stream mitigation work throughout the county. Robert Kaplan made a motion to approve Sullivan County as the conservationist awardee, Wilfred Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bank Reconciliation: The June and July Bank Reconciliations were reviewed by the Board.
- B. NYS Deferred Compensation Plan: This plan will be discussed at the next meeting.
- C. County Budget:
- The District's budget request was received last week and is due to the county by August 20th. Brian suggested that we submit the budget with the same total as last year. Bob Kaplan suggested we submit the budget with only an increase for employee's salaries and benefits, and allow for an increase in health insurance.

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

2010 - 6B	\$ 31,506.59
2010 - 7A	\$ 9,495.72
2010 - 7B	\$ 45,062.30
2010 - 8A	\$ 1,659.85

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Seedway	\$ 1,507.20
Duba Designs (Nev/Rond)	\$ 1,966.87
Griffen Greenhouse (Nev/Rond)	\$ 383.93
Fabia Wargin Design (Nev/Rond)	\$ 900.00
Timely Signs of Kingston (Nev/Rond)	\$ 2,355.00
USDA FSA Arial Photo (Nev/Rond)	\$ 559.00
Milone & MacBroom (Nev/Rond)	\$ 4,200.00
Northern tool & Equipment (Nev/Rond)	\$ 333.85
ACF Environmental	\$ 451.35

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. David Sager made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet, John Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 13, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 9:30 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman