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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 8, 2022

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 6:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman
 Eugene Benson, Treasurer John Diehl, Farmer
 George Conklin, Legislator

Board members absent – Nadia Rajszy, Legislator Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
 Anthony Capraro, NRCS Benjamin Luskin, NYSSWCC

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2022, board meeting, R. Kaplan seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS:

- 2022 projects had received 5 applications for EQIP; 4 have been approved, high tunnels and forestry program.
- 2023 program has received 7 applications thus far.
- Conservation Stewardship Program for Ag/Forestry producers is accepting applications.
- Three new staff have been hired. Planning on having 1 person be in the District office for a day every other week.

FSA: See written report

CCE: See written report

NYS SWCC: See written report

- B. Luskin came down and went on site visits throughout county.
- State committee meeting will be September 20. Managers meeting does not have a date as of yet.
- CRF grant has no official results yet. Will let us know when results are in.
- Annual plan of works due in November.

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

- Working on Ladleton restoration project
- Working on several CSBI plantings
- HS will be attending the Rosgen training in August
- One summer intern has left, the other two should be ending in August.
- Arm of Sea production will be held at the Neversink Fairgrounds on September 3rd.

B. Program Updates:

- Still taking orders for trout, bass and minnows. Distribution is set for October 3rd.
- Five flood mitigation projects have started. The project at North Branch/Hortonville where creek comes together, and the project at Norton property are supposed to be costly projects.
- The Wayne Bank CD paperwork to open a \$75,000 deposit was submitted for signatures. Discussed opening a CD at Catskill Hudson Bank as they are offering a 15 month at 1.26%. R. Kaplan made a motion to open a \$75,000 CD at each of Catskill Hudson Bank and the Wayne Bank, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Bank Statements:** The bank statements were reviewed.**B. Health Insurance renews on September 1st.** According to Health insurance contract, if all employees are not on health insurance policy, then employees need to contribute to the premiums. After discussion J. Diehl made a motion that starting September 1st, the District employees on health insurance plan will contribute \$1.00 per month which will be deducted out of the employee's paycheck, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.**VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS:** R. Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by W. Hughson, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2022 – 7B	\$ 102,955.31
2022 – 8A	\$ 205,346.00

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 251,298.98 - See breakdown sheet

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. R. Kaplan made a motion to approve the reports, W. Hughson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 6:45 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,
Vice Chairman