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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting December 12, 2016

Minutes

I. <u>Call to Order:</u> 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

Harold Russell, Member John Gorzynski, Member

Gene Benson, Member

Board members absent – Nadia Rajsz, Legislator Mark, McCarthy, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Les Kirby, SWCD

John Kline, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD Tony Capraro, NRCS

- **II.** MINUTES: R. Kaplan made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2016 board meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports.

NRCS:

- Received 12 applications for various contracts for Sullivan County landowners.
- Writing a plan for a landowner for organic farming.
- Met with a landowner in Fallsburg to discuss various programs.
- FSA has a new CRP application out. It is a quick turn around with one week to apply.

NYS SWCC: See written report

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Neversink/Rondout Grant:
 - All fall programs are being completed.

B. CPFA:

- An application for a project to reduce Japanese Knotweed along the Delaware River was submitted to NYS Department of Ag & Markets.
- R. Kaplan made a motion for a resolution to approve the project, E. Benson seconded the motion was passed and carried.

V. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>:

- A. Bank Reconciliation: The November bank reconciliation was reviewed.
- B. Employee Benefits:
 - The Directors previously approved the District joining Section 41J of the New York State Retirement. E. Benson made a motion to submit the application, W. Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- VI. <u>DISTRICT CLAIMS</u>: R. Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by J. Gorzynski, the motion was passed and carried.

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

- VII. <u>TREASURER REPORT:</u> The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. R. Kaplan made a motion to approve the reports, H. Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- **X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick, Program Assistant Wilfred Hughson, Chairman