



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2018
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 6:00 p.m.

Board members present – Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman Harold Russell, Member
Gene Benson, Treasurer John Gorzynski, Member
Nadia Rajs, Legislator

Board members absent – Mark, McCarthy, Legislator Wilfred Hughson, Chairman

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
Anthony Capraro, NRCS Brian Sheridan, FSA

II. MINUTES: J. Gorzynski made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 8, 2018 board meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

A. Capraro (NRCS):

- Have seven preapprovals for EQIP funding. Projects consist of high tunnels, forestry plans and a grazing contract.
- Working with new applicants on projects; environmental issues, covered barnyard and manure storage, grassland CRP projects.

B. Sheridan (FSA):

- Brochures on FSA programs were handed out.
- Margin Protection Program-This insurance program is not working and Secretary of Ag Perdue has offered an opt-out to farmers in 2018. The new budget includes restructure and new calculations for the program.
- 2018 is estimated to be worse for Dairy Farmers than 2017. Various issues are being factored in, including one where milk supply high and demand low.
- Facility Loan program-Any person involved in agriculture can apply. The program will now finance buildings, equipment, etc. for commodity handling.
- The Emergency Livestock Assistance Program for Beekeepers program is up and coming
- CRP has seven active contracts in Sullivan County, looking for more participants.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- SMIP Grants Time & the Valleys Museum - \$12,335.42, \$2,585.00
Sullivan County BOCES - \$2,000.00
Catskill Center - \$31,568.00
- The current contract ends December, 2019. NYC DEP is working on a 5-year contract now with the hopes that it will be in place by end of contract date.

B. Program Updates:

- The income/expense showing 2017 net profit was reviewed.
- Flood Mitigation – will start working on obtaining permits for work. Working on a general permit for municipalities to do culvert replacements, which will speed up the permit process.
- Tree & Shrub program going well
- Contractor Training is set for Tuesday, March 27th.

C. Personnel Policy – Table until the March meeting. N. Rajsz requested to send to county Personnel Dept. for review.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Reconciliation: The January bank statements were reviewed.

B. Annual Report: The 2017 Annual Report of the Treasurer was reviewed and approved by the Directors.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: N. Rajsz made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by E. Benson, the motion was passed and carried.

2017 – 1B	\$ 98,329.34
2017 – 2A	\$ 17,052.86

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 131,242.76 - 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, H. Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:00 p.m. - Motion by N. Rajsz

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,
Vice-Chairman