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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting June 10, 2019

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 8:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman

John Gorzynski, Member Nadia Rajsz, Legislator Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman

Eugene Benson, Treasurer

Board members absent – Mark, McCarthy, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD

John Diehl, Farmer

Lisa Schick, SWCD

- **II.** MINUTES: N. Rajsz made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2019, board meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports.

FSA: Speak to Senator Metzger, who is the Ag rep, about getting FSA help in the area. B. Brustman will work on getting a resolution with farmer signatures to present.

June 20, at 1 pm, is the Dairy MMP meeting for Sullivan here at the Extension Center.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report
 - New contract is supposed to be in place by beginning of 2020.
 - Weather permitting final projects should be completed.
 - The summer intern has started.
- B. Program Updates:
 - Flood mitigation- Hoping to start a few projects when the weather permits. Still working on permit process for several projects. Any funds needing to be carried over to the next year, the county will need to know project amount by September.

- The Fish program is doing very well. Distribution date is June 29th.
- The Tree and Shrub program was a success. All left over material was donated to the Monticello School District's environmental club.
- C. Holiday Schedule: 2019 schedule will remain the same.
- D. Tire cutting program: Looking into a grant program with Senator Metzger. Looking into the Tire swap program, which appears to be the best way to proceed.

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

- A. Bank Reconciliation: The April and May bank statements were reviewed.
- B. Director appointment: J. Diehl has agreed and accepted the nomination to replace H. Russell for the remainder of his Director term. E. Benson made a resolution to nominate J. Diehl for a Board of Director, N. Rajsz seconded and the motion was passed and carried.
- C. Ag Round 23 grant: NYSSWCC rep J. Clifford has been closed and we are awaiting funding. E. Benson motioned to pay Mountain Side Farm the final payment, N. Rajsz seconded, and 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 N. Rajsz, the motion was passed and carried.

| 2019 - 4B | \$644,597.95 |
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| 2019 - 5A | \$ 18,288.41 |
| 2019 - 5B | \$110,356.58 |
| 2019 - 6A | \$ 33,776.91 |

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$66,392.06 - 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, W. Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 8, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.
- **X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick, Program Assistant Wilfred Hughson, Chairman