



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 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
 Justin Sutherland, Farmer Nadia Rajsasz, Legislator
 George Conklin, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
 Brenden Wagner, N/R SWCD

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2022, board meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: No report was sent.
FSA: No report was sent.
CCE: See written report
NYS SWCC: See written report

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report
- Fiscal Year 23 includes a salary increase for H.S. per budget adjustment. N.Rajsasz made a motion to approve the salary increase to \$64,200, E.Benson seconded the motion, motion was passed and carried.
 - A presentation of all projects completed was presented to the board.
 - Salary for B.C. was discussed. N.Rajsasz made a motion to raise salary to \$20 per hour if 2-day work week or raise to \$25 per hour if works 4 days, J.Diehl seconded, motion was passed and carried.
 - The Neversink Rondout program wants to hire J.M. as an additional seasonal intern. G.Conklin made a motion to hire J.M. at \$18 per hour, E.Benson seconded the motion, motion was passed and carried.

B. Program Updates:

- Still waiting for results of the CRF grant submitted for Bashakill Vineyard project.
- Flood mitigation – Three projects started and four projects are in the works. Landowner contracts are being worked on.
- CPFA-Working on the Hughson Drainage project.
- Fish Program has started and orders have been coming in.
- Technician position: Continued to discuss the hiring of a new technician. Will check with county and state on a job description and civil service technician list.
- Tree & Shrub – Program was a success. We had 166 orders. Discussed programs being easier and less time consuming if ordering was put online and accepting orders.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. CD Investment: Discussed cd rates at Jeff Bank and Catskill Hudson Bank. Will look into rates at other local banks.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: N. Rajsz made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by W. Hughson, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2022 – 5B	\$ 120,830.33
2022 – 6A	\$ 24,584.11

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 319,674.08 - See breakdown sheet

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. J. Sutherland made a motion to approve the reports, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:20 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman