

Kathy Capella (NRCS): continued:

- The state engineer will be going around doing site evaluations. At present the engineers are working in the western part of the state and then will come to the eastern part of the state. They will be looking for work sponsors. Cathy has received letters from two towns willing to be sponsors.
- The NYC Watershed projects on-going. Three heavy protection pads and an access road. There are three farms with outstanding issues and Cathy is working to resolve them. Moran is an eligibility issue to obtain extra monies, Bald Mountain is an eligibility issue due to members from all over the world and trying to get all signatures, K Brand farm needed a design modification which has been completed and additional funds are being requisitioned.
- There were four Hi Tunnel applicants for ag management assistance.
- There were four EQIP applications pending.
- Cathy is accepting sign-ups for the Grassland reserve program, which will be going on for a couple weeks. The program is targeting for livestock grazing.
- The Walton position for Delaware and Sullivan counties has been filled by Quentin Gahan. He will start in Walton on April 12th. Cathy will remain as the NRCS area conservationist until then.
- Cathy will leave sign-up applications for the second round of the Conservation Stewardship Program that is going on. Jack Abrams was awarded a contract during the first round of funding. Sign-up for the second round will be going through April.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NYC DEP Contract:

- A report was handed on what Karen and Bobby of the Neversink/Rondout have been working on.
- Bobby is at a Rosgen training in North Carolina.
- We would like to obtain a credit card for Bobby Taylor with a \$300.00 limit so that it will be available if postage and gas for the truck are needed. Bobby will be filling up with gas at the county facility near the infirmary. Dave Sager made a motion to obtain a credit card for Bobby, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried. A copy of the credit card policy will be given.

B. Stormwater Training:

- On March 23 there will be a Stormwater contractor training session. We will be trying to obtain continuing education credits for the course. A press release will be sent out.
- The county engineering has signed up a few people and wanted a discounted rate. The District is only charging \$50 per person for the course, which includes lunch, paper handouts, and course credits. The next lowest cost of attending the course is \$75 per person. If we lower the price for county engineering then would we have to lower the price for all towns participating? Dave felt that the engineers would have to pay for courses to obtain the continuing credits anyway; therefore we should maintain our price at \$50.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- ##### **A. Bank Reconciliation:** Board Members reviewed the February bank reconciliation.

B. AEM Update: Brian is working on completing AEM tier 2 paperwork.

C. District Dinner:

- Harold suggested looking into holding the event at Friends and Eldred Preserve. Lisa will check last year's price request.
- The event is usually held the first weekend in May. We will check on that those dates.
- Possible awardees were discussed and will be decided next meeting. Hughson Farms and K-Brand Farms were suggested as awardees.

D. Round 16 RFP:

- This proposal is due end of April. Brian does not feel that funds are guaranteed to be there, and that due to the difficult financial times it would be hard for farmers to make an in-kind match.
- Brian feels that we should not submit an RFP for Round 16.

E. County Audit:

- The County auditors will issue a management letter with this year's 2009 audit.
- The County auditors will conduct the 2009 audit in April.

VI. **DISTRICT CLAIMS:** John Gorzynski made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Harold Russell, the motion was passed and carried.

2010 - 2B	\$ 57,054.91
2010 - 3A	\$ 8,084.63

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Gilmour Planning (Rondout)	\$ 1,103.08
Card Member Services (Rondout)	\$ 539.11
Card Member Services (Rondout)	\$ 1,322.15
Computer Doctors (Rondout)	\$ 361.00
Kristt Company (Rondout)	\$ 633.00

VII. **TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. John Gorzynski made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 12, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** By regular motion at 9:30 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman