

## Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road Liberty, NY 12754 (845)292-6552 Fax (845)295-9073

## Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting March 9, 2020

#### **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 Nadia Rajsz, Legislator

John Diehl, Farmer Eugene Benson, Treasurer

Board members absent – Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman John Gorzynski, Farmer

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD

John Kline, SWCD Brenden Wagner, SWCD/Nev/Rond

- **II.** MINUTES: N. Rajsz made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2020, board meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
- III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports.

NRCS: No report was sent. They are in the process of ranking grant applications received.

FSA: No report was sent. Have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to sign up for the low interest disaster loan

CCE: See written report.

# IV. OLD BUSINESS:

### A. Neversink/Rondout Grant:

- The new contract, CAT 495, is expected to be registered around March 16<sup>th</sup> and back dated to March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Staff has been busy working on the closeout for the CAT 443 NYS DEP contract.
- Working on flood assessment around Hunter Road in Claryville. Had aerial photography done to map upcoming projects.
- Getting ready for projects to be started; Ladelton stream restoration project, Clothes Pool site, 4 or 5 CSBI sites in Grahamsville, and 2 roadside vegetation sites in Claryville.
- Clothes Pool site is a 16 ft. high by 300 ft long streambank construction. Put out to bid in April-May with hopes of starting in July.

- B. Program Updates:
  - Tree & Shrub program doing well and have received over 60 orders.
  - Flood mitigation has at least 9 potential sites. Staff is working on pictures and permits.
- C. Annual Reports:
  - All reports were submitted and accepted by the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - The District will receive \$113,879.00 from NYS for Performance Measures. Funds are now allowed to be carried over each year. We are looking at 3 possible projects to do site prep work for EQIP projects.
  - District Manager attended a meeting at Ulster County on carbon sequestering cover cropping for the Hudson Valley 2-year pilot program. Project is set to start on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

- A. Bank Statements: The February bank statements were reviewed.
- B. Sexual Harassment Training: All present Directors and staff participated in the sexual harassment training. N. Rajsz reviewed the District Law training.
- C. Ag Non-Point Source Round 26 Grant: E. Benson made a motion for a resolution to submit the Round 26 grant, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, motion was padded and carried.
- VI. <u>DISTRICT CLAIMS</u>: E. Benson made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by N. Rajsz, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2019 – 2B \$ 53,791.83 2020 – 3A \$ 24,542.66

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 121,991.75 - See breakdown sheet

- VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. E. Benson made a motion to approve the reports, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.
- **X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Motion by N. Rajsz