



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 2021

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
 Justin Sutherland, Farmer Eugene Benson, Treasurer
 Nadia Rajsz, Legislator

Board members absent – John Diehl, Farmer George Conklin, Legislator

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

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2021, board meeting, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: See written report

FSA: No report was sent.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: No report was sent.

- IV. OLD BUSINESS:** See attached written report.

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- Working on plans for 2021 projects.
- The CAT 443 savings account has been closed out, with funds being sent back to NYC DEP.

B. Program Updates:

- Tree & Shrub – Program is going very well. Have already received 58 orders.
- Bass & Minnows – getting program set up for this year.
- Ag Assessments – have done a lot of soil group worksheets.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

B. MOU With County:

- The contracts between the county and SWCD are in revision. E. Benson made a motion for Chairman Hughson to sign once the contracts were received, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

C. Health Ins. Benefits:

- R. Kaplan made a motion to offer the Health Insurance buyout to an insured who has reached the age of 65, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

D. Tablet-Credit Card:

- Board discussed accepting credit cards as payment and opted against it at this time.
- Check with CCE on using Paypal or google pay.

E. NYS PEE Plan:

- The NYS PEE Policy was reviewed. E. Benson made a motion to approve the policy once it has been approved by the County Attorney, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

F. Excess Funds:

- Will create a spreadsheet on program budget to look at excess funds.

G. Solar Installation letters

- The Board discussed sending out a letter on Solar Fields in an ag District. The Board opted to not send out letters.

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

2021 – 1B	\$ 927,262.08
2021 – 2A	\$ 974.44
2021 – 2B	\$ 61,709.88
2021 – 3A	\$ 1,669.75

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 11,658.09 - See breakdown sheet

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:15 p.m. - Motion by R. Kaplan

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman