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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting May 8, 2023

Minutes

I. <u>Call to Order:</u> Treasurer Benson 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 – Eugene Benson, Treasurer John Diehl, Farmer

Nadia Rajsz, Legislator Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Board members absent – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman

George Conklin, Legislator

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

II. MINUTES: N. Rajsz made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 10, 2023, board meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: No report was sent.

- NRCS rep was down with FSA rep to look at damage caused by the recent tornado. They are working on getting emergency assistance for landowners.
 - 1. Forest assistance for landowners: to help assist in the clearing of felled tree and replanting of trees if needed.
 - 2. Crop & pasture land assistance: to help restore land to previous condition, including fencing. There is no building assistance.
 - 3. NRCS will have a person at the District office as needed to accept applications from landowners who need assistance.
 - 4. N. Rajsz stated that the county may have a program for helping with building assistance. We will look into that with county Planning Dept.

FSA: No report was sent.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: See written report.

IV. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>:

- A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report.
- B. Program Updates:
 - Flood Mitigation: Working on permits and looking at possible sites.
 - Fish Program: Looking for other suppliers as our current supplier is having difficulty getting fish. Supplier only has grass carp available for spring.
- C. Personnel Policy: County Risk Management has reviewed policy and suggested a few changes. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed policy. J. Diehl made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy as amended, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

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

- A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.
 - Transfer \$12,724.53 of funds from the Jeff Bank Income Program account to the Jeff Bank Public Fund checking account. N. Rajsz made a motion to transfer the funds, J. Sutherland seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.
 - Transfer \$200,000.00 of funds from Jeff Bank Public Fund checking account to Catskill Hudson Bank District savings account. CHB has higher interest rates. E. Benson made a motion to transfer the funds, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.
- VI. <u>DISTRICT CLAIMS</u>: N. Rajsz made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by J. Diehl, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2023 – 4B \$ 79,700.05 2023 – 5A \$ 34,679.91

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 219,215.29 - See breakdown sheet.

- VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed.

 J. Diehl made a motion to approve the reports, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
- **VIII. NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- **X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion by J. Sutherland