



**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 14, 2011**  
**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 8:10 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman                      Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman  
   Harold Russell, Member                      Robert Kaplan, Member  
   John Gorzynski, Member

Board members absent – David Sager, Member                      Beverly Martin, Treasurer

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

**II. MINUTES:** Harold Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2011 Meeting, Elwin Wood seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

**III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:** See attached written reports

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written reports.

- Lisa handed out the Neversink/Rondout budget for the Board to review.

B. Flood Mitigation Work:

- The District is still waiting for payments from the County for previously completed work. The submitted vouchers keep getting bounced from audit for various reasons. Brian suggested creating a one page check off list of paperwork needed for submission.
- There has been approximately \$170,000 submitted for projects to date. There are a few more bills to come in from projects that need to be submitted to DPW.

C. District Dinner:

- The District Dinner was postponed until next spring. A reservation at the Rockland House was set for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## D. Electric Bill:

- The electric bill has already started to go down. CCE's refrigerator has been unplugged, which should also help with the cost.
- The light pole out by the pole barn will be looked at to see if something is wrong that is causing the light to continuously go on and off.

## E. DEC Gas Drilling:

- Brian attended the Managers meeting and spoke with Mike Latham at the NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee. The NYS SWCC has been working with the NYS DEC in developing the regulations that will govern this in New York.
- The NYS DEC is drafting a 3-phase stormwater permit only for gas drilling. The Department of Health will be involved to monitor wells when drilling will be anywhere near a public water supply.
- A base well test will need to be established before drilling is allowed on any site.
- The comment period is slated to end on December 12<sup>th</sup>, should the SWCD submit a written comment on drilling.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Reconciliation: The September and October bank reconciliations were reviewed by the Board of Directors.

## B. District Director Terms:

- Those Directors with term's that will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, are Wilfred Hughson, Beverly Martin, John Gorzynski, and the two legislator positions.
- The legislators' term limit according to the resolution is a 2-year term limit. The county has established a 4-year term. A copy of the county resolution on term limits will need to be obtained in order to clarify the term limits.

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

2011 - 10B	\$ 145,519.09
2011 - 11A	\$ 19,771.33

## Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Osterhoudt Excavating (Nev/Rond)	\$ 160,135.50
J. Hughson Excavating (Nev/Rond)	\$ 560.00
Sullivan County DPW (Nev/Rond/Veh)	\$ 543.95
Card Member Services (Nev/Rond)	\$ 398.31
Catskill Native Nursery (Nev/Rond)	\$ 1,356.67

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval continued:

Lee Truck Broker (Nev/Rond)	\$	520.00
The Cosmopolitan Hotel (Nev/Rond)	\$	425.00
Project Native (Nev/Rond)	\$	900.00

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

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, December 12, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Lisa Schick,  
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,  
Chairman