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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2015

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 8:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman
 Harold Russell, Member John Gorzynski, Member
 Eugene Benson, Legislator

Board members absent – Beverly Martin, Treasurer Kathleen Vetter, Legislator

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

II. MINUTES: R. Kaplan made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

T. Capraro – NRCS

- Kate Teale will be leaving end of November. Dave Mortinson will be the new Supervisor in Walton starting mid-November.
- Applications received for Sullivan – 14 EQIP-Forest Management Plans and High Tunnels, 3 CRP.
- The Rural Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) had 4 sign ups. There is \$500,000 for implementation. Plans will be written by NRCS.
- The funds have been set aside for the EWP project on Cattail Brook. The project will be rebid in the spring.

B. Brustman – for FSA

- County Committee states that it is important to fill out the Ag surveys when received. Payment rates for crops are based on what is reported on the surveys.
- Walton office no longer has staff to cover the Liberty office. They are looking to hire more staff.
- Landowners who wanted to re-enroll their CRP practices and were promised payment incentives at time of contract are now being refused by Washington.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:**A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report**

- Karen would like board approval to sign a new contract with Barton & Loguidice to continue their contract into the new DEP contract. After board discussion it was decided that a new contract was not needed. An extension with additional expenses can be added.
- Reimburse Town of Neversink and Town of Denning for SMIP.
- Had a presentation from the Engineers with a cost benefit analysis for the Local Flood Hazard study. The results will be presented at a public meeting on November 12. Of the sites the public was concerned about, only three have a cost benefit over 1, making it cost effective; and only two of these projects are doable.

B. No-Till Seeder:

- Received the equipment.
- Did a test planting at Sykes Farm. There was a good germination rate.
- Can sign usage of seeder under EQIP for cover cropping. A fall practice.
- Check on warranty to ensure coverage into next spring.
- Will work on putting program/rental agreements together.

C. Director Term:

- H. Russell (member), R. Kaplan (member), E. Benson (Legislator), and K. Vetter (Legislator) Board of Director terms end 12/31/2015.
- Lisa will send the Director Vacancy Notice to the Sullivan County Legislature. The notice will be posted for the required four weeks. Any person wishing to fill the two Member positions on the District Board of Directors will need to send a letter to Ann Marie Martin at the Sullivan County Legislator. All letters received by Ms. Martin will be presented to the Directors at the December Board meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Reconciliation: The October bank reconciliation was reviewed.

B. Flood Mitigation:

- One project left to complete, near Town of Delaware garage.
- Once expense receipts are received the county will be invoiced.
- The Districted rented an excavator from the Monticello Rental Center to work on a project. Although we purchased the damage insurance, the District was still charged an additional \$1,640.00 for repairs that should have been covered under the insurance. The District will send a letter stating our disapproval and state we will no longer use their company.

C. CCE Memorandum of Agreement:

- Board discussed garage. If the District does not own the garage, then get insurance on contents and cancel the insurance on the building.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: H. Russell made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by R. Kaplan, the motion was passed and carried.

2015 – 10B	\$ 229,103.60
2015 – 11A	\$ 51,351.74

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: See sheet

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. H. Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:35 p.m. - Motion by H. Russell

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman