



**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 18, 2010**  
**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 8:04 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman  
Robert Kaplan, Member

John Gorzynski, Member  
Harold Russell, Member

Board members absent - Beverly Martin, Treasurer  
Dave Sager, Member

Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD  
John Kline, SWCD  
Quentin Gayhan, NRCS

Les Kirby, SWCD  
Karen Rauter, SWCD  
Rich Lewis, NYS SWCC

**II. MINUTES:** John Gorzynski made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2010 meeting, Robert Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

Rich Lewis (NYS SWCC):

- There will be an informational meeting for the Round 17 of the Agricultural Non-Point Source Grant held on October 28<sup>th</sup> in Highland. There is approximately \$2 million available for projects.
- The Conservation Project Financial Assistance application for funding needs to be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Quentin Gayhan (NRCS):

- Quentin passed a public meeting notice for the State Technical Committee. He stated Sullivan County does not have a Local working group, which would focus on agricultural and natural resource issues for our area.

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

- Stream Management Plan is the main goal for this year. Karen is working with T/O Denning and T/O Neversink to have the Plan adopted during their November meetings. The Plan where the T/O Neversink will be the lead agency. Karen is working with the Town Lawyer, Attorney Gargliano, in regards to the adoption plans for the town.
- Brent Gotsch, the summer intern position, has finished and his last day of work was October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The October flooding has removed the site where the Rondout Demo project was to be constructed. A large tree was removed from the Van Aken's site and thereby saving much more damage from occurring.
- The restoration projects for the programs are on hold until next year. Karen is working with Kelly Engineering and DEP on a revised schedule for the project. In the future DEP will be using their own engineer services for in-house projects. There are three projects for the Neversink for next year, with the hopes of completing two in order to meet the goals.
- Bobby's program (Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative) has 6 or 8 projects in the works to complete by January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Karen has applied for an intern for next summer, at no cost to the District, to help with the CSBI projects.
- Working with Tri Valley Schools to maintain the plant nursery.
- For education and outreach Karen has started the process of reengaging chestnut creek landowners by updating information and mailing out the Catskill Streams and You brochure.
- Bobby and Mark Vian (DEP) took six T/O Neversink landowners on an educational stream hike.
- A Flood Preparedness brochure was created and will be distributed to landowners for future use.

**B. Flood Mitigation Sites:**

- The CPFA project was completed today. Two other emergency sites from the flooding should be worked on soon.
- The highwater channel was cleaned out about ten days before the flood, and we will need to be cleaned out again shortly. The District has a 3-year stream permit from the NYS DEC for this project. The DEC maintenance crew has been helping by cleaning the parking lot.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:****A. Bank Reconciliation:** The September Bank Reconciliation was reviewed by the Board.**B. Brian asked the board for a resolution for the District to apply for the Conservation Project Financial Assistance grant. The grant would be for \$6,000 toward a project, which will be to assist in the control of flood and mitigate flood damages. Brian is looking to do stream work in conjunction with the County's flood mitigation work. Robert Kaplan made a motion to submit the application, Harold Russell seconded, John Gorzynski abstained from voting. The motion for a resolution to submit the CPFA application was passed and carried.****C. Brian submitted a MOA between the District and the County Dept. of Planning. Chairman Hughson signed the MOA.**

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

2010 - 9B	\$ 31,612.42
2010 - 10A	\$ 17,230.87

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Seedway	\$ 2,801.40	& \$ 2,925.20
NACD	\$ 775.00	
Restaino Design (Nev/Ron)	\$ 675.00	
Spektrum Graphics(Nev/Ron)	\$ 659.60	
Hoag Riparian Rest. (Nev/Ron)	\$ 1,739.40	
Vernooy Excavating (Nev/Ron)	\$ 1,500.00	
Fabia Wargin Design (Nev/Ron)	\$ 3,500.00	
Dave Peters (Rd. 12)	\$ 6,906.00	

**VII. TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were not available

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 18, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** By regular motion at 9:00 p.m.

Lisa Schick,  
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,  
Chairman