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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
 Board of Directors Meeting
 October 12, 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 8:00 p.m.

Board members present – Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman	David Sager, Legislator
Beverly Martin, Treasurer	Robert Kaplan, Member
John Gorzynski, Member	

Board members absent – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman	Harold Russell, Member
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Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD	Lisa Schick, SWCD
John Kline, SWCD	Karen Rauter, SWCD

II. MINUTES: Robert Kaplan made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting with the change John Gorzynski stated of moving the gas drilling under Old Business instead of New Business, Beverly Martin 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.

- The demonstration has started at the Sundown site. John Perrella remains on site to supervise the construction. The contractor should be done in approximately two weeks. There have been no problems. Neversink/Rondout staff has been coordinating with contractors for the plant materials for the live timber crib wall.
- The refrigerated trailer that was used for the willows has been released and has been picked up by the owner.
- A tour of the site was set for the EPA and Dept. of Health.
- The stream buffer projects are on hold until there is more protection at the toe of the streambed.
- There will be a small planting at the Town Hall to show what the plants look like for landowners.

- The Demonstration on the Neversink was delayed for one construction season due to floods. These funds were not able to be used for the Town on FEMA projects and flood projects. We will look at budget line items to see if there are some funds to help the town on matches.
- Outreach events planned: There was a meeting to speak to Neversink area landowners held last weekend at the Old Stone House. The Neversink Stream Management Plan has not been mailed to landowners. Aerial photographs were taken of the area. The partnership with the Tri Valley School is working out well.
- Brenden Wagner was the summer intern and the District has retained him as an employee until November to finish the plant materials and do some knotweed injections.
- Robert Hayes and the Tri-Valley FFA students took the Neversink/Rondout display to the state fair and won a Blue Ribbon. Robert Kaplan suggested that the District send a certificate to them. The EPA regulators who came want to nominate Robert Hayes for an award. Karen will be attending a Tri-Valley school board meeting in the future to give a report on all the events that have occurred.

B. Flood Mitigation Work:

- Brian, John & Les have visited a lot of sites. It is a good time for landowners to address their flood issues while the emergency stream work permits are lifted.
- Looked at a couple culverts on Brook Road in the Town of Bethel that were washed out with the flooding. This will be a good project for the Upper Delaware grant.

C. District Dinner:

- Lisa will check the dates available for this year's dinner.
- The funds raised will go to the Neversink baseball field.

D. Electric Bill:

- Compare this year's and last year's electric. Check with electric company if the bill seems a lot higher. Check to see if the cost is estimated or actual.
- CCE has an old refrigerator in the building that will be unplugged next month. They held summer programs in the building.
- Is the District eligible to utilize the special rate programs that NYSEG has available?

E. DEC Gas Drilling:

- The NYS DEC did have a paper copy of the gas drilling draft available. Lisa printed one out so that there is a copy in the office. A copy of this draft will be put onto CD's and sent out to Board members.
- Brian spoke with Mike Latham at the NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee. He sent a memo on the Committee's position on the draft, which states that the Committee is taking a neutral position. John Gorzynski and Dave Sager stated that the District should make a statement of the District's position on this matter.
- Beverly will be attending a meeting in Albany where gas drilling will be an issue discussed.
- The District needs to make a statement by the end of the comment period ends on December 12th.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Reconciliation: The September bank reconciliation was not received and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

2011 - 9B	\$ 126,849.40
2011 - 10A	\$ 8,774.50

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Osterhoudt Excavating (Nev/Rond)	\$ 89,106.50
Robert Hayes (Nev/Rond)	\$ 483.00
Steven Vogler (Nev/Rond)	\$ 864.33
Steingart Printing (Nev/Rond)	\$ 575.00
Hoag Riparian Restoration(Nev/Rond)	\$ 9,995.30
EJ Giering Consultant (Nev/Rond)	\$ 8,585.45
Sullivan County DPW (Nev/Rond)	\$ 398.63
Tree Protection Supply (Nev/Rond)	\$ 1,976.40

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Dave Sager made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet, Robert Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

Executive Session: Robert Kaplan made a motion made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session, David Sager seconded, and the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 14, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 9:35 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman