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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15 2012
Minutes

I. Call to Order: Co-Chairman Kaplan 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, Co-Chairman
Harold Russell, Member Gene Benson, Legislator
Kitty Vetter, Legislator

Board members absent – Beverly Martin, Treasurer John Gorzynski, Member

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
Leslie Kirby, SWCD Karen Rauter, SWCD/NR

II. MINUTES: Gene Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2012 meeting, Kitty Vetter seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report.

- The team is trying to finish as many projects as possible by the end of the year, and are adjusting project schedules to coordinate with the weather.
- Karen is working on documents that need to be adopted by the towns. The dates have been set for the Highways and Infrastructure committee and the Education committee meetings. The Advisory watershed committee is set for November 7th.
- Working on the distribution of the stream plan to the landowners. The goal is to get the plans adopted by the Town of Neversink and the Town of Denning by February of 2013.
- The Demonstration project had some damage with Hurricane Sandy and Karen believes that DEP will extend the ending date for that project for another year in order to fix the damage.
- A project with the Town of Denning is underway and should be finished within two weeks.
- Karen and Brenden will be taking the Soil & Sediment Erosion class in Ulster County this week so that they will be able to help monitor the project sites.

- There are issues with getting smaller contractors to bid due to prevailing wages. Brian and Karen are looking into ways to bid the project to avoid prevailing wages. Not-for-profit companies and landowners do not have to pay prevailing wages.
- Brenden is making progress on the knotweed projects. He is working with Sullivan County DPW. It will be next spring before he is able to see how well his injections have worked.
- Pre approval for a bill for planting material for a CSBI planting project if the project goes forward. Supplier is Ernst Conservation Seeds in the amount of \$6,754.50.

B. Flood Mitigation Work:

- We have received emergency authorizations. Most projects have held up. The dry hydrant site did not hold up and we repaired it and also expanded on the initial project in the hope that it will hold up better.
- Brian received the “okay” to do debris removal on the O’Leary property. A lot of trees have fallen. We, along with the Army Corps., will look at Tres Hill to see if a stormwater diversion can take some of that water and move it into another direction.

C. Bonacic Flood Monies: Still waiting for paperwork and contracts. Amount is \$400,000.00

D. No-Till Seeder:

- Can only get a loan through IDA, not a grant. Brian suggested using Part C funds to purchase the seeder.
- Brian will look into getting the price quotes for the seeder. Lisa will look at the state contract. Harold Russell made a motion to put out a bid on a no-till seeder, Gene Benson seconded and the motion was passed and carried.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Reconciliation: The October bank reconciliation was reviewed by the Board of Directors.

VI. **DISTRICT CLAIMS:** Gene Benson made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Wilfred Hughson, the motion was passed and carried.

2012 - 9B	\$ 31,516.45
2012 -10A	\$ 17,502.50

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Forrestry Suppliers (Nev/Ron)	\$ 344.36
Cardmember Services (Nev/Ron)	\$ 404.72
Quill	\$ 313.16
New England Wetland Plants (N/R)	\$ 903.00
Vickers and Beechler (Nev/Ron)	\$ 1,650.00
Northcreek Nurseries (Nev/Ron)	\$ 378.74
Croswell Enterprises (Nev/Ron)	\$ 382.00
Hubbell Inc. (Nev/Rond)	\$346,286.50

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report was reviewed. Kitty Vetter made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, Gene Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

The Balance sheet still needs to be adjusted and discussed with the auditors. Accounts Receivables need to be addressed

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 3, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 9:20 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Robert Kaplan,
Vice-Chairman