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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 2019

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
 John Gorzynski, Farmer Eugene Benson, Treasurer
 John Diehl, Farmer

Board members absent – Mark, McCarthy, Legislator Nadia Rajsasz, Legislator

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD
 Karen Rauter, SWCD-N/R Daniel Briggs, Sullivan County Clerk
 Russell Reeves, Sullivan County

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2019, board meeting, R. Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

FSA: Tariff relief funds are available if crop report has been done.

CCE: The CCE will be holding their annual meeting and a volunteer appreciation day at the Villa Roma on October 27th, no fee. All county residents are welcome.

- IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report

- The final stream restoration project will not be completed this year.
- The fish study ended. November 1st will be the 6th annual Anglers Symposium in Claryville, and the fish study crew will present their 3-year study data.
- A new contract has been set in place with the Greenbelt facility for growing out plants. Staff will visit to observe the facility and to make sure agreed upon changes have been set in place.

- Working with Town of Neversink to refurbish the town building stream buffer project. Also working on a river history display with installation set for fall. DEP has agreed to put another display on the Rondout River in Claryville.
- Staff will give a talk at the Time and the Valley Museum on September 22 about the river, its history, and what the Neversink/Rondout program does.
- Still waiting for next contract to be finalized. It is looking like a start date of March 1, 2020.

B. Program Updates:

- Flood Mitigation: Three projects are in the works. Three more will be started as soon as we receive permits. An additional project does not require a permit, therefore it will be started after all projects with permits have been completed. The Livingston Manor project is still on hold pending the Town receiving permits and securing a contractor.
- Trout Stocking program pick up is set for September 28. Pre-approval is needed to pay the bill once fish have been distributed. R. Kaplan made a motion to pay the bill, J. Diehl seconded, motion was passed and carried.
- Hydroseeding: District will hydroseed Sullivan County Landfill, and a stream restoration project where we are rerouting the stream flow.

C. 2020 District Budget: Budget was submitted to Board for review. R. Kaplan made a motion to approve the budget, E. Benson seconded, motion was passed and carried.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Reconciliation: The August bank statements were reviewed.

B. Oath of Office: County Clerk D. Briggs administered the Oath of Office to Director J. Diehl.

VI. **DISTRICT CLAIMS:** E. Benson made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by J. Diehl, the motion was passed and carried.

2019 – 8B	\$ 99,915.74
2019 – 9A	\$ 6,065.45

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 46,108.60 - See breakdown sheet

VII. **TREASURER REPORT:** The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. R. Kaplan made a motion to approve the reports, J. Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 14, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. - Motion by J. Diehl

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman