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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2020

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 12:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman
John Diehl, Farmer Eugene Benson, Treasurer

Board members absent – John Gorzynski, Farmer Nadia Rajsz, Legislator

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

- II. **MINUTES:** J. Diehl made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 10, 2020, board meeting, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

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

NRCS: No report was sent. SWCD is helping NRCS with a project at Wm. Diehl's through a grant NRCS has.

FSA: No report was sent. Crop reporting was sent to FSA. Try to get scale working to measure field yield. Corona virus supplement will include maple processing.

CCE: See written report.

- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:** See attached written report.

A. Neversink/Rondout Grant:

- Clothes Pool project has been completed.
- The new District truck has been ordered. Looking at 2-3 months build time.

B. Program Updates:

- Bass and Trout program distribution pick up will be Monday, Sept 21.
- Flood mitigation – Looking to wrap up the few projects that are in the works.

- 2021 District Budget was submitted to County. E. Benson made a motion to approve the budget, R. Kaplan seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bank Statements: The August bank statements were reviewed.
- B. Discussed how to handle the employee vacation time for any employee who may have more than the carryover limit for this year as travelling was discouraged due to COVID. Present Directors decided to pay employees for excess time instead of increasing carryover limit hours.
- C. Looking to submit a CPFA 2021 grant application for the Karadontes Peoney Farm to help them with protecting their crops through frosts. After discussing the project E. Benson made a motion to submit the proposal, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
- D. The 2019 Audit report was submitted to the Directors for review. Directors would like an explanation from auditors as to why some of the asset accounts have negative balances.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: R. Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by J. Diehl, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2020 – 8B	\$ 115,311.60
2020 – 9A	\$ 25,958.17

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 851,516.36 - 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. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 12, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 1:10 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman