

# Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road Liberty, NY 12754 (845)292-6552 Fax (845)295-9073

## Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting August 10, 2009 Minutes

**I.** <u>Call to Order:</u> 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 John Gorzynski, Member

Dave Sager, Member

Board members absent - Robert Kaplan, Member Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman

Beverly Martin, Treasurer Harold Russell, Member

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

Les Kirby, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD Dan Shockey, CCE

**II.** MINUTES: John Gorzynski made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2009, meeting, Dave Sager seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

Dan Shockey (CCE):

- The rain has been a problem for all farmers.
- Down on the Farm Day was held at the Weiss Farm on Saturday, 8/8, and it went well.
- The Grahamsville Fair will be held. Trying new things, they will have a livestock auction, radio stations giving them good PR, Pie auction will go after livestock. Dan and Joe Walsh will offer themselves to get a pie in the face for a fee.
- End of August, will be two meetings on natural gas, one for tax preparers and one for tax info for farmers.

• Will have a Public forum through Thunder 102 for Dairy Farmers to address issues.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS:

#### A. NYC DEP Contract Talks:

- The contracts have been approved by the County Attorney and have been sent back to NYC DEP for final approval. When we get the contracts back we will present them for signature.
- There was a public meeting on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, where we entertained questions.
- We sent out a public opinion survey to those landowners who have property along the Neversink and Rondout. The survey requests information as to what the landowner what are their concerns, what they would like to see in order to help develop the final plans.
- We are working under the current chestnut creek contract until the new contract is finalized and in place.
- The timelines are the critical issue and the plan needed in February, 2010. The City is doing the actual work until contract is in place.

## V. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>:

A. June and July Bank Reconciliation: The Bank Statements were reviewed and approved.

#### B. Flood Related Matter:

- Brian, Les, and John have been running around looking at different sites trying to assess what is going on.
- Working with County DPW in Jeffersonville doing hydroseeding along the road. We are planning to finish the project Tuesday.
- We are working on finishing getting permits together. Have a few spots to look at. The flooding wasn't as bad as once thought. Sunday's rainstorm in Livingston Manor had some damage at Cattail Brook. The tree removal that was planned for this project may need to be moved to the top of the list.
- Met with a group of people in Youngsville regarding the banks behind Mowers and More. The bank is approximately 20 ft. high. Brian is looking into a way to establish a spot where we could get the pressure off the toe of the slope. One possibility would be to get 3-4 ft. of riprap with fill behind it. There is another streambank needing work above the Jeff Bank above the bridge. This also needs 3-4 ft of riprap.
- Brian and Les were at the site where they are rebuilding the road by the school. They took some pictures and set up some stakes. Where the catch basin is there is no ditch on that side of the road, replace the culvert with a 24' pipe.

- The streambank by the rustic cottage continues to flood and will be a difficult spot will be difficult to fix. There is no place to go with the water due to that there is a 90 degree turn by the bridge and there is a sewer pipe underneath it. Brian suggested looking at it each year, and behind the car wash we could get the gravel out of the stream in order to keep it maintained.
- John Gorzynski suggested the Board contact Hinchey or Schumer to seek help in repairing the areas. John suggested sending a letter, Dave Sager seconded the suggestion. Brian will contact other county SWCD's and the NYCD to join us for help with this issue.
- There is suppose to be \$188,000 for flood work for Delaware, Beaver Brook and other tributaries from DEC. Dick Martinkovic. Brian is trying to locate these funds and will try to see if these funds can be used for the recent flooding problems.

### C. County Budget:

- The budget is due to the county by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- The budget will remain the same except for an increase in health insurance, employee benefits and salary expenses.
- Lisa asked for a raise for 2010 in order to be put into the budget now.
- Directors went into Executive Session at 8:50 pm and came out of Executive Session at 9:05 pm.
- Dave Sager will speak to the county's Personnel Office and will address this issue with the other Board of Directors. A decision will be forthcoming in time to finalize the 2010 budget.
- VI. <u>DISTRICT CLAIMS</u>: John Gorzynski made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Dave Sager, Elwin wood will be contacted by phone in order to approve the bills.

2009 -7B \$ 44,968.22 2009 -8A \$ 411.95

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Office Equipment Source \$ 1,597.00

- VII. <u>TREASURER REPORT:</u> The Treasurer Report was reviewed by the Board Members who were present.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 14, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.
- **IX. ADJOURNMENT:** By regular motion at 9:16 p.m.

Lisa Schick, Program Assistant Wilfred Hughson, Chairman