



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2009
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
Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman
John Gorzynski, Member

Beverly Martin, Treasurer
Robert Kaplan, Member

Board members absent - David Sager, Member
Harold Russell, Member

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD
Les Kirby, SWCD

Lisa Schick, SWCD
Patricia Westenbroek, CCE

II. MINUTES: Beverly Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2009, meeting, Robert Kaplan seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports

Trish Westenbroek (CCE): See written reports

- The Corn & Grass Demonstration Plots are being planted at Weismann's and Sykes.
- The legislature passed a resolution to endorse the Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act of 2009.
- The Class 3 price climbed 34 cents in April to \$10.78.
- The slaughtering of beef is slowing down and the pork industry continues to feel the effect from the H1N1 virus, or from the publicity from the swine flu virus.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. State Grant Updates:

- We contacted landowners from Round 14. Erlwein's project is on hold and waiting to hear from Herman Lee. We are hoping to complete Dirie's project soon.
- We are still waiting to hear where we stand with Round 15. What monies that are available will not be released anytime soon, probably not until the fall.

B. NYC DEP Contract Talks:

- We have not received contracts to send to the County Attorney.
- The meeting with DEP and other parties involved was moved to June 8th.

C. District Dinner:

- The Dinner turned out to be a pleasant evening. There were 36 people in attendance.
- The cost to the District was approximately \$175.

D. Tree & Shrub:

- The Districts net profit was approximately \$4,719.
- The shipping and handling costs increased this year due to Meadowview mailing the trees by Federal Express.
- The distribution pick-up ran rather smoothly this year.
- Left over tree packets were used as door prizes at the District Dinner.

E. Stream Work:

- We are going around with Town Highway Superintendants to look at possible project sites.
- Met with Ted Hartling from the Town of Rockland last Thursday at two possible sites. Will meet with Dave Erlwein from the Town of Callicoon on Wednesday.
- We are looking to keep it simple by cleaning out culverts and ditches because there are not a lot of funds available. If we find a project that needs to be addressed then we will look into spending more time and monies on that project.
- Gave a presentation on stream maintenance and management at the CVI building for the Sullivan County Renaissance.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. April Bank Reconciliation: The Directors reviewed the April bank reconciliation statement and had no questions.

B. Hydroseed for T/O Rockland:

- The District did hydroseeding along Shin Creek Road in Lew Beach. They are raising the road approximately 6 ft. from rocks that have been blasted out of the banks.
- We are hoping that the seeding will hold even with the heavy rainfall that we received.

C. County Audit:

- Lisa has been in contact with Karen from the County Treasurers Office to let them know that the District has not heard from the county auditors to set a date to conduct the District's yearly audit for the county.
- John suggested that I write a memo to the Treasurer's Office to stating that we are awaiting word from the auditors.

D. State Reimbursement:

- Brian received an e-mail from the NYACD and the Employees Association that the \$30,000 state reimbursement from the EPF funding is in hand but the State is not releasing the funds. It was requested that we contact our state representatives to ask when it will be released because we need the funds to cover expenses.

E. The District has about five invoices for the county that are awaiting to be paid.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: Elwin Wood made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by Robert Kaplan, the motion was passed and carried.

2009 -4B	\$ 20,503.10
2009 -5A	\$ 13,984.11

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:
Central NY RC&D Project \$ 400.00

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 8, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 8:35 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman