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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 5, 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 – Elwin Wood, Vice Chairman John Gorzynski, Member
Harold Russell, Member Robert Kaplan, Member

Board members absent - David Sager, Member Wilfred Hughson, Chairman
Beverly Martin, Treasurer

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Les Kirby, SWCD
Lisa Schick, SWCD Patricia Westenbroek, CCE
John Schumacher, NYS SWCC Rich Lewis, NYS SWCC

- II. MINUTES:** John Gorzynski made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2009, meeting, Harold Russell seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports

Trish Westenbroek (CCE): See written reports

- The Dairy Crisis Forum will be held in Albany on October 19th. The bus will leave at 6:15 a.m.
- There will be an introduction to cheesemaking class on October 19th.
- There will be a grazing meeting with Wayne County Ext. on October 28th.

- There will be an ultrasound workshop for meat quality at the Gempler Farm in Jeffersonville on November 2nd.
- CWT has announced the third herd retirement program for this year.

John Schumacher (NYS SWCC):

- John will be retiring and Rich Lewis will be taking over our District.
- All payments due the District from State have been paid. The State Department of Ag & Markets has been having some financial difficulties. This year will remain manageable, but the next two years are predicted to be financially difficult.
- Round 14 funding has been put on hold. Round 15 has been ranked but is being left until spring for possible funding.

Rich Lewis (NYS SWCC): Rich introduced himself to the Board and he will be replacing John S Schumacher at the Districts NYS Assoc. Environmental Analyst.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NYC DEP Contract:

- The District received the contracts for signatures. It is a 4 ½ year contract for \$3,292,684. Contract includes monies for District employee's time.
- Two positions have been advertised; Stream Program Coordinator (salary \$55,000) and Stream Assistance Program Coordinator (salary \$45,000). Positions are employees of the District and we will have full control over employees. NYC DEP, and the District will interview for positions.
- These positions will have to follow civil service law. These two positions will be created by the county. They will be provisional until a test has been created.
- An invoice for funding will be turned in as soon as the contract has been registered.
- Contract has been reviewed and signed off by the assistant county attorney.
- Robert Kaplan made a motion for Brian to sign the contract upon John Grozynski's approval, Elwin Wood seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- A copy of the contract will be sent to John Gorzynski to review. He reviewed them and has voted against the signing of this contract. John had concerns about the contracting stating the District will be held liable for any damages.
- An e-mail was sent to all Directors asking for a vote on approval for Brian to sign Rondout/Neversink contracts. Six directors voted approval to sign the contracts, one was against.

- When the contracts have been registered, then the District will look into purchasing a vehicle and will be leased back out to the contract or charge for mileage. Purchasing a vehicle was less expensive then leasing a vehicle. A vehicle will be purchased off a state bid.

B. Flood Related Matters:

- The District is slowly moving projects along. One project in Jeffersonville involving debris removal will be done tomorrow.
- We are waiting for the permit to start the project behind Mowers and More, to work on the bank stabilization.
- John Kline met with county personnel on Tenanah Lake Road for putting extra relief culvert in. They were looking into going further up, our advice was not to.

C. Trout Program:

- We had 5 landowners who purchased fish this year. The distribution went well. We made approximately \$175. It has been about 4 years since we have held this program.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Bank Reconciliation: Was not received, so it will be reviewed at November meeting.

B. Chestnut Creek:

- Equipment from the Chestnut Creek project is older and needs to be replaced for the DEP/ Rondout project.
- Harold Russell made a motion to create a list of obsolete equipment and have all equipment declared surplus, Elwin Wood seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- Find out what county charges to dispose of equipment on list and charge dump fee. If the DEP wants to hold onto the equipment, then we need to charge storage fees.

VI. **DISTRICT CLAIMS:** Harold Russell made a motion to approve abstracts and bills, seconded by John Gorzynski, the motion was passed and carried.

2009 -9B	\$ 13,621.40
2009 -10A	\$ 392.10

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

Sullivan County Democrat (DEP Rondout)	\$342
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VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed.
Robert Kaplan made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet,
Elwin Wood seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 9, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 9:35 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Elwin Wood,
Vice Chairman