



Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 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
David Sager, Member

John Gorzynski, Member
Robert Kaplan, Member

Board members absent - Beverly Martin, Treasurer

Harold Russell, Member

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

John Kline, SWCD
Patricia Westenbroek, CCE

- II. MINUTES:** John Gorzynski made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009, meeting, Dave Sager seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

Trish Westenbroek (CCE): See written reports

- There will be a corn field day at the Hughson Farm on September 24th, followed by a Dairy Meeting at 7pm at the Jeffersonville Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
- There will be an Introduction to Cheesemaking class held on October 19th here at the Extension Center. The previous class filled up quickly.
- Sullivan County CCE is starting to partner with Wayne County Cooperative Ext for some services to help the farmers as needed.
- Fish and Wild Life has not heard of any additional wild boar sightings. There is concern that Cortland and other areas have residential populations of wild boars that within five years could cause a lot of damage to crops. Fish and Wild Life test the

brain cells of the wild boars for specific diseases. Wild boars can be reported to Fish and Wildlife, and they will come out and take care of it.

Rich Lewis(NYSSWCC): John Schumacher, the NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee analyst for Sullivan County, is in the process of retiring. Rich Lewis will now be in charge of our District. They will try to come down to the October board meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NYC DEP Contract Talks:

- The contracts were sent to City Hall and we are waiting to receive the originals back for signatures.
- Until the new contract is in place we are using the Chestnut Creek funds to pay for costs related to this project.
- Interviews will be held once the contract is finalized so that starting dates can be confirmed.

B. Flood Related Matters:

- The District has worked on and is still working on 28 sites since the July 31st flood.
- Brian attended a meeting with the county legislatures and gave a presentation.
- The emergency debris removal expired yesterday, trying to get an extension. DEC will not allow an extension authorization. Projects that need to be worked on will require individual permits and will have to go through the permit process.

C. Audit: A copy of the 2008 audit conducted by county auditors, O'Connor, Davies, Munns & Dobbins, was presented for review.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Reconciliation: The August bank reconciliation was reviewed by the Board.

B. 2010 Budget:

- The 2010 budget was submitted.
- John Kline's position was placed in with District salaries in the base budget.

C. Trout Program:

- The brochure has been sent out. We are accepting orders for rainbow, brook and brown trout and minnows until Friday, September 18th. The pick-up date will be Saturday, September 26th.
- At present we have five orders.
- John Gorzynski made a motion to pay the Hickling's Fish Farm invoice at time of delivery, Dave Sager seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

D. AEM:

- Brian presented the AEM contract for board member review.
- Elwin Wood made a motion for Chairman Hughson to sign the AEM contracts, John Gorzynski seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

E. October Board Meeting: The next Board meeting falls on Columbus Day. Brian has asked that it be moved to October 5th in order to fit accommodate attendees. The Board members discussed and approved the change of meeting date.

F. Lisa requested approval to send out donation request letters to county business for an education fund drive to help support educational programs the District may hold, including the Regional and NYS Envirothons. The cost for participating in these events have significantly risen. John Gorzynski made a motion to send out the letters, Elwin Wood seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

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

2009 -8B	\$ 18,821.60
2009 -9A	\$ 5,513.20

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval:

VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer report and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Elwin Wood made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet, Dave Sager seconded, the motion was passed and carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 5th, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: By regular motion at 9:00 p.m.

Lisa Schick,
Program Assistant

Wilfred Hughson,
Chairman