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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting July 8, 2019

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 Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman

John Gorzynski, Member Eugene Benson, Treasurer

Nadia Rajsz, Legislator John Diehl, Farmer

Board members absent – Mark, McCarthy, Legislator

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

- **II.** MINUTES: R. Kaplan made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 10, 2019, board meeting, E. Benson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS: See attached written reports.

FSA: B. Brustman is working on a letter to send to Senator Metzger for assistance in getting more FSA help in the county. Board recommended sending to Legislators for a resolution before getting farmer signatures.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report
 - New contract is supposed to be in place around February of 2020.
 - Presented agreement with One Nature. Needs further review showing dates. Send to County attorney for approval. Cannot sign a contract for new contract dates until the new DEP contract has been signed.
- B. Program Updates:
 - Flood mitigation- Hoping to start a few projects when the weather permits. A large project in Livingston Manor has been looked at, approved by County Manager.

- AEM contract presented for Chairman Hughson's signature. R. Kaplan made a motion to sign contract, J. Diehl seconded, motion passed.
- Fish Program: Bass & Minnow program went well. Trout program will start this month.
- Tire Program: Waiting for answers from DEC. Looking into possible grant for getting rid of tires.

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

- A. Bank Reconciliation: The June bank statements were reviewed.
- B. Director appointment: J. Diehl was appointed by the Legislator for the remainder of H. Russell's Director term.
- C. Copier: The present copier is very old, a new copier quote for \$5,850. was presented for approval.
 G. Benson made a motion to purchase the copier following District's procurement guidelines,
 N. Rajsz seconded, motion was passed and carried.
- D. Insurance: District received three invoices for additional insurance totaling \$15,009 due to self-audit paperwork filled out. After discussing the problem, the Board suggested L. Schick speak to the County Insurance Rep for suggestions on how to handle the issue. Have D. Bodenstein, of Mike Preis Insurance, come to next board meeting.
- VI. <u>DISTRICT CLAIMS</u>: R. Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by E. Benson, the motion was passed and carried.

2019 – 6B \$ 66,174.61 2019 – 7A \$ 16,560.51

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 97,871.50 - See breakdown sheet

- VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. N. Rajsz made a motion to approve the reports, W. Hughson seconded, the motion was passed and carried.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 12, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.
- **X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Motion by N. Rajsz

Lisa Schick, Program Assistant Wilfred Hughson, Chairman