

## Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 2020

## **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 6:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman John Guger John Diehl, Farmer Eugen

John Gorzynski, Farmer Eugene Benson, Treasurer

Board members absent –

Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman

Nadia Rajsz, Legislator

Agency representatives: - Lisa Schick, SWCD

**II.** MINUTES: E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 12, 2020, board meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

## III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: See written report

FSA: No report was sent. CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: See written report

- IV. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: See attached written report.
  - A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report
    - Clothes Pool restoration project is completed and awaiting final invoice from LaFever. Board gave approval to pay invoice once received.
    - Completing the CSBI projects for this year.
    - Working on closing out the NYC DEP CAT 443 grant that ended February 28, 2020. Board gave approval to pay back funds owed to NYC DEP when finalized.
  - B. Program Updates:
    - Tree & Shrub Have submitted the pre-order list for the 2021 program. Board approved paying the 25% holding fee for Meadowview and Cold Stream Farm.

- The RFP for the 2021 CPFA grant was denied. The project was changed to a flood mitigation project to fix a culvert for the Sullivan West School District. The Board approved the project. E. Benson made a motion for a resolution to resubmit the RFP, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
- Working on completing the 2021-2025 AEM Annual Action Plan. It will be submitted by end of December. Board E. Benson made a motion for a resolution to submit the AAP, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

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

- A. Bank Statements: The November and December bank statements were reviewed.
- B. Board of Director appointments:
  - W. Hughson and E. Benson sent reappointment request letter to county Legislature. No other
    appointment requests were received. J. Diehl made a motion to accept the reappointment of W.
    Hughson as Farm Bureau member and E. Benson as the Sullivan County Grange representative,
    J. Gorzynski seconded, no one opposed, and the motion was passed and carried. The resolution
    will be sent to County Legislature for appointment.
  - J. Sutherland sent a letter to county Legislature requesting to serve as a Director on the District Board. J. Gorzynski will not seek reappointment. J. Diehl made a motion to accept the approval of J. Sutherland as a farmer representative, J. Gorzynski seconded, no one opposed, and the motion was passed and carried. The resolution will be sent to County Legislature for appointment.
- VI. <u>DISTRICT CLAIMS</u>: E. Benson made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by J. Diehl, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

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2020 – 10B $ 115,458.84
2020 – 11A $ 24,077.54
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2020 – 12A $ 24,077.54
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Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 142,688.90 - See breakdown sheet

- VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. E. Benson made a motion to approve the reports, J. Gorzynski seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
- VIII. <u>NEXT MEETING:</u> The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- **X.** ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Motion by J. Gorzynski

Lisa Schick, Program Assistant Wilfred Hughson, Chairman