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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting February 13, 2023

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 Robert Kaplan, Vice Chairman

John Diehl, Farmer Eugene Benson, Treasurer

Nadia Rajsz, Legislator

Board members absent – George Conklin, Legislator Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Agency representatives: - Brian Brustman, SWCD

II. MINUTES: E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2023, board meeting, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:

NRCS: See written report.

NRCS requested permission to house people in the District office twice a month, R. Kaplan made a motion to approve space, W. Hughson seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

Five grant projects, for high tunnels and conservation plans, were approved through the Act Now program.

FSA: No report was sent. Waiting on programs that may be coming available.

CCE: See written report.

NYS SWCC: See written report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Neversink/Rondout Grant: See written report.
- B. Program Updates:
 - Annual Reports: all paperwork has been sent in. G. Benson, Treasurer, reviewed and signed the Treasurer report. J. Diehl made a motion to submit the report, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: cont.

- Personnel Policy will be tabled to the next meeting.
- A lot of Ag assessments have been completed.
- Will start working on the Flood mitigation program in March.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.
- B. There is a new slaughter house located on Lt. Brender Highway in Bethel. Owners are looking for a Manager to run the business.
- VI. <u>DISTRICT CLAIMS</u>: R. Kaplan made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by N. Rajsz, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2023 – 1B \$ 43,058.60 2023 – 2A \$ 121,787.67

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$84,243.23 - See breakdown sheet

- VII. TREASURER REPORT: The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed.

 J. Diehl made a motion to approve the reports, R. Kaplan seconded, no one opposed, the
 - motion was passed and carried.
- VIII. <u>NEXT MEETING:</u> The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- **X.** ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion by N. Rajsz

Lisa Schick, Program Assistant Wilfred Hughson, Chairman