



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 24th, 2014

### PRESENT:

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| Frank Thomas, Chairman  | Jim Lieberum, DM |
| Tim Costello, Director  | Dean Moore, SDR  |
| Charlie Maine, Director | Nick Rowell, NRS |
| Evelyn Wood, Director   | Bob Bombard, WRS |
| George Ryan, Director   |                  |
| Mark Brown, Director    |                  |

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Chairman Thomas convened the Director's meeting at 1:00pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Wood to approve the January, 2014 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report:** Thomas mentioned he had no report this month.
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$162,847.45; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment and approval in February 2014 Operating bills, totaled \$17,759.86, big amounts are Staff Health Insurance. All grant account approvals for payment in February if added are approved. **Motion: by Costello to approve all bills for payment for February and the financial report for January 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan, carried.**
  - c) **Correspondence:** **a.** Introduction Letter about the New Ag & Markets Chairman. **b.** Tom Randall article on Ed Pennick as the District's Conservationist of the year (2013). **c.** Hudson River Improvement Fund Grant rejection Letter. **d.** A thank you not from John Fair.
- 4) **Business:**
  - a) **2014 Legislative Review:** Legislative days went well for 2014, Montesi, Ryan, Costello and Lieberum met with Betty Little and Daniel Stec.
  - b) **2014 Annual Plan of Work Amended for approval:** At the January SWCD Board meeting the proposed **2014 Annual Plan of Work** was approved. Later that day Lieberum received an e-mail with some potential corrections to the document he notified Thomas that the Board would need to amend their resolution and accept the corrected 2014 APW. This plan of work sets our goals for the upcoming 2014 season and helps us keep on track with delivery of those goals.
  - c) **2013 NYSSWCC Annual Reports - Submitted:** The **2013 NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee reports** were completed and submitted on time to Albany. The district reports on finances,

accomplishments (listed out in categories) and our Performance Measures (Part C). In the Governor's proposed budget, he has increased funding to Districts statewide by \$1.0 million. If that holds, the district will once again have Part B fully funded and Part C will be partially funded. In order to be eligible for Part C, the District Board Members and Staff need to fulfill the requirements set forth in the performance measure, and so far the district has.

- d) **Tree and Shrub order Update:** The orders are starting to come into the District office we have received 25 as of today. The deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and pick up is April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 8:30 – 6pm. Moore has been placing ads in the local papers and getting ready to do a mailing.
- e) **Farm Talks Update:** A new program the District has come up with is Farm talks. The District's first talk date is Friday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and it has been a hit with interested people now up to 30, it is now being held at the NYS DEC office on Hudson Street in Warrensburg instead of the District Office (not enough room at the District office). The District is coming up with at least one a month and they have begun getting the other talks organized with dates, time and places to put out there.
- f) **North Creek Pond Project:** Moore talked about mapping pond and wetlands for construction season of sediment retention basin and pond clean out. Lieberum will be helping with the permits for the clean out and will keep the board members updated.
- g) **Managers Meeting.** Lieberum and Rowell attended the Managers meeting up north. Meeting was mainly about AEM talks and information along with District policies suggestion from the state committee.
- h) **MS4 Programs (end of year Review),** Both MS4 programs the county and Queensbury have been moving forward and the reviews are being completed so the report can be out by March 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- i) **Grant Applications Updates:** Lieberum spoke about receiving the Soil Savers Grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program the award for \$5,000 Rowell will be the head of that grant. Lieberum also reported that there has been no further word on the remaining Round 11 NYSDEC grant awards.
- a) **Hazard Mitigation:** Lieberum reported on his assistance with FEMA grant applications for the Town of Horicon at its Alder Brook Road site, also reported working on culvert replacement permits for Potter Hill Rd in the Town of Bolton.
- b) **Review of Recommended Policies.** This agenda item will continue next month for more of a discussion.
- c) **Other:** Lieberum spoke on reviews and edits for the 2013 WCSWCD Annual Newsletter and discussed printing a fewer number of the reports for this year. Lieberum also reported that Rowell was a recipient of a partial scholarship from the NYSCDEA for SCUBA certification. Lieberum asked Board for the remainder of the certification cost. **Motion:** by Ryan for the approval of the certification cost, 2<sup>nd</sup> Costello, carried.

5) **Presenter: NONE this month**

6) **District Staff Reports:**

- a) **James Lieberum, DM**, Lieberum report was reviewed.
- b) **Bob Bombard, WRS**, Bombard report was reviewed.
- c) **Dean Moore, Sr. DT**, Moore report was reviewed.
- d) **Nick Rowell, NRS**, Rowell report was reviewed.

7) **Adjournment: Motion: by Ryan adjourn Directors meeting at 2:07p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Wood, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

APPENDIX: A - Treasurer Report  
B – Correspondence  
C - Partners reports  
D- Staff Reports