



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS September 23rd, 2014

PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Tim Costello, Director	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Ronald Montesi, Vice Chairman	Dean Moore, Sr. DT
Evelyn Wood, Director	Robert Bombard, WRS
Mark Brown, Director	Sandy Payne, Stony Creek

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Chairman Thomas convened the Director's meeting at 1:05pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** Motion: by Wood to approve the August 2014 minutes, 2nd by Montesi, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report:** Thomas thanked everyone for changing their schedules for the meeting and he apologized. Thanked Sandy for talking about the new trail system started in 2008 and it will be completed about one more year.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$166,275.43; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment and approval in Sept 2014 Operating bills, totaled \$1,403.47. All grant account approvals for payment in September if added are approved. **Motion: by Brown to approve all bills for payment for September, 2nd by Costello, carried. Motion: by Brown to approve the financial report for August 2014, 2nd by Costello, carried.**
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1.
- 4) **Business:**
 - a) **Grant Updates: Schroon Lake:** The number of tasks includes Stormwater, septic pump outs and watershed stewardship on the Schroon Lake Grant has been progressing. The District's hopes to get several Stormwater systems installed this fall to continue the progress.
Glen Lake: Nick has requested quotes for permeable pavers and now they have been delivered to the Queensbury Highway department for the boat launch shoreline on Glen Lake. The District is waiting for an install date to be completed.
Fish Passage: Bombard mentioned this grant will be closed with the completion of 2 sets of step pools in brooks for Johnsbury and Queensbury to allow wildlife passage in the streams. A meeting with the towns has been set up to discuss equipment use and time available to complete.

Schroon River Habitat, Moore mentioned Wednesday morning September 18 the first installation of the root wads at Antone Coopers place followed by installation at the Warren County fairgrounds on 23rd and 24th then lastly for this year it will be Schroon River road campsites campground. This grant finally has started and so far 22 root wads have been installed.

- b) **NYACD Annual Meeting – Attendance and awards:** October 21-23, Lieberum, Montesi, Costello, Wood. Thomas will let Rhonda know. Everyone is registered so far.
- c) **2015 SWCD Budget:** After an approval of the draft budget by the board members Jim met with representatives with the county to review the Districts request. Jim revised Districts budget and recued the state retirement after Rhonda had checked again on the retirement systems website to see if the District's retirement amount was reduced and it was, along with making several changes in some budget categories and resubmitted to the county. District is now seeking an increase of (1.6%).
- d) **NYSDEC Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE) Program,** Lieberum passed around a flyer for the NYSDEC Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators program if anyone is interested please contact the person on the flyer (Alene Onion) 518-402-8166. You will visit streams and collect and sort stream organism and preserve for identification by the wave coordinator.
- e) **Warren County and Saratoga County Purple Loosestrife grant application,** Saratoga County SWCD manager has contacted Lieberum asking how to obtain Loosestrife beetles for a grant and Lieberum mentioned the two district's should go in on the grant together, which was agreed upon. It is looking like each district will receive around \$6500.00 if awarded.
- f) **Brant Lake Milfoil Request,** Matt Simpson contacted Lieberum to see if the District would be interested in working with the Brant lake Association and the Town of Horicon to do a milfoil program like Schroon Lake Milfoil program but on Brant Lake. **Motion:** by Wood to work with the Town and association on the milfoil program on Brant lake, 2nd by Brown, carried.
- g) **District Fish Sale,** This Friday the 26th of September is the deadline for the Fall Fish Sale here at the District, so far there is 2 orders, usually the District receives about 8-10 orders.
- h) **Stormwater Tradeshow,** This year Stormwater tradeshow will be held at the Queensbury Hotel on October 16th, 2014 from 8-4 please let Rhonda know if you are interested in attending and it will count towards our annual reporting for the State committee for the District's performance measurers. Montesi, Lieberum and Rhonda will be attending so far.
- i) **Urban Forestry Grant Response,** A letter was sent by the District to Betty Little's office and Sharon Henderson called and spoke to Lieberum and she was impressed and will get back to Lieberum about the letter.
- j) **Other,** Lieberum, Rowell and Bombard had taken their civil service exams for their positions and the district will know the outcome in 6 to 8 weeks.

5) **Other Agencies:** No Report this month.

6) **District Staff Reports:**

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

7) **Adjournment: Motion: by Wood to adjourn Directors meeting at 2:20p.m., 2nd Brown, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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