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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS November 23rd, 2020

PRESENT:

District Office Closed due to COVID-19 a Zoom meeting was held Mark Brown, Rhonda Jarvis, Nick Rowell, Robert Bombard, James Lieberum, Dean Moore, Bob Bombard, Lee Rounds and Maren Alexander were at the District office. Zoom members: Dan Bruno, Tim Thomas, Michael Greenslade and Ryan Cunningham, Randy Rath, Tom O'Dea and Jeremy Farrell.

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Brown called meeting to order at 1.03pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes: Motion:** by Greenslade to approve meeting minutes for November 2nd by Thomas, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report:** Brown mentioned great job to the District staff for all year accomplishments. Apologized for the cancelling of the in-person luncheon it just was not enough attendance for the facility to do the luncheon. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and stay safe.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$150,389.71; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for December totaled \$10,139.74. Approval of Dean Moore \$5460.50 before taxes and Nick Rowell \$3,956.43 before taxes for the op-out on the district health insurance package this is the stipend amount. **Motion:** by Thomas to approve payment of the stipends to Moore and Rowell on January 2nd, 2021, 2nd by Greenslade, carried. **Motion:** by Greenslade to approve all operating bills for payment for December and signature sheets were signed and returned, 2nd by Greenslade, carried. **Motion:** by Thomas to approve the financial report for November 2020, signature sheets signed and returned, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1. A letter from the Warren County Board of Supervisor on the adopting the District's 2021 budget and the District will have to send the District Annual Plan of Work for years accomplishments.
2. A thank you Christmas card from the Lake George Land conservancy great partner to work with. 3. Rensselaer Land trust had a zoom training where Lieberum on Non-point source land solutions and it was a great training.
- 4) **SWCD Business:**
 - a) **Appointment of Officers for 2021: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Motion:** by Thomas to appoint same officers for year 2021, 2nd

by Bruno Carried.

- b) **2021 National Association of Conservation Districts Conference (Virtual)** Please let Rhonda or Lieberum know if you are interested in attending this virtual conference. All the information was email to the board.
- c) **2021 NYACD Legislative Days (Virtual)**, District will be meeting with Senator Dan Stec and assemblyman Matt Simpson from our County. Lieberum will need to know who will be attending the zoom legislative days.
- d) **AEM Strategic Plan Approval, Motion:** by Bruno for the approval for the AEM Strategic Plan, 2nd by Greenslade, carried. Great job Maren and Nick on the AEM 5 years strategic plan from all board members to review and approval.
- e) **Up Yonda Augmented Reality Topographic Model**, Lieberum mentioned this was a process to get this unit up and running, few things were not working an employee from the company traveled here to get it up and running. The unit is finally working perfect and ready to go. Lieberum great job Moore for taking the lead on this and making sure it was up and running. CWICNY applied for this grant with Moore heading the grant and its implementation. Great Job Dean for a wonderful job.
- f) **4 Hour Erosion Sediment Control Training-Little Falls Feb 2021**, Riefenburg construction company and its partner is looking for a Proposal from the District on Lieberum got to their facilities in person at Wynantskill and Little Falls 4hr Erosion and Stormwater trainings Lieberum is suggesting adding mileage for these two trips in the proposals on going to Wynantskill and little falls, NY.
- g) **Grant Applications/updates**, The District will be submitting for the next round of LCBP for Educational (Ag forestry education grant) and organizational (supplies and materials to the new water pump). We were turned down the stormwater and invasive species on those grant and bob will be resubmitting the invasive one in the educational small application.
- h) **Other**, 1. Capital Mohawk Prisms group for interests with tennis and game club in Queensbury that Lieberum has been working with and Lieberum will keep you updated as this arises next year. Thomas thanked the award winners and the staff for all their hard work all year.

5) **Agency Reports:**

- a. **Ryan Cunningham, NYS SWCC**, Cunningham's report was reviewed. All but treasurer reports from the state committee have been sent out for submission of 2020.

6) **Awards/Recognition**

- a. Ronald Montesi Conservation Recognition- Tom O'Dea, Master Gardener, Cornell Cooperative Extension, received award via zoom and the district will get the award to him this week, Mare spoke on Tom's behalf of his recognition well deserved.
- b. Ronald Montesi Conservation Recognition-Lee Rounds, Queensbury Central Schools, Lee Rounds attended the

meeting in office and received is award. Congratulation Lee well deserved. Rowell spoke on behalf of the recognition for Lee.

- c. Ronald Montesi Conservation Recognition-Jeremey Farrell, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute received his award via zoom district will get his award to him this week and well deserved. Bob spoke on the behalf of the recognition for Jeremey.
- d. 2020 Conservationist of the Year- Randy Rath, Lake George Association- Randy arrived before meeting to pick up his award and congratulation to Randy well deserved. Lieberum spoke on behalf of the recognition for Randy.

- 7) **2020 Warren County SWCD Highlights (presentation)** Lieberum presented a Great presentation that Maren put together Congratulation along with the whole staff at Warren County SWCD for getting conservation out and on the ground in 2020.
- 8) **Adjournment: Motion:** by Thomas, to adjourn meeting at 2:23pm, 2nd by Bruno, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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