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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 27, 2012

### PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Dave Wick, DM
Tim Costello, Director	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
George Ryan, Director	Dean Moore, Sr.DT
Charlie Maine, Director	Jim Lieberum, WRS
Mark Brown, Director	Scott Fitscher, NRCS USDA
Evelyn Wood, Director	

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Thomas, Chairman convened the Director's meeting at 1:03pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Costello to approve the minutes of January, 2nd by Ryan, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report:** Thomas Mentioned he was not able to attend the NACD Annual meeting or legislative days.
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has \$219,706.09, most of which is grant money. Bills for payment and approval in February 2012, totaled \$1,792.41. **Motion: by Costello to approve bills for payment for February and the financial report for January, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown, carried.**
  - c) **Correspondence:** (See appendix B)
    - An Article in the Chronicle on the Porous Pavement project in Warren County.
- 4) **SWCD Business:**
  - a) **Natural Resources Specialist Position – Interviews:** Wick has a final job description of the Natural Resources Specialists position and put it in the Post Star. Application deadline is March 2, 2012. Wick and Lieberum will pick 8 applicants to interview on March 9<sup>th</sup> all day. Wick would like at least 3 board members to be at the interviews (Ryan, Thomas, Brown along with Wick and Lieberum).
  - b) **2012 Legislative Days: February 6 & 7 – Outcomes:** Wood and Lieberum went to Legislative Days on Monday night for training. It is the time for all attendees to understand what is happening in Albany and to develop a consistent, concise message. Wood and Lieberum visited with staff from Assb. Sayward and Sen. Little's offices. Wood thanked the representatives for their continued strong support of Districts and reminded

- them that the Districts are there to assist their communities in many ways.
- c) **Schroon Lake – Eurasian Milfoil Management Contract:** Three Firms have been received on the harvest Eurasian milfoil on Schroon Lake on the Warren County portion. The Towns of Horicon and Chester and the East Shore Schroon Lake Association will be funding this effort. Next week a meeting has been set up to review the firms and select the contractor and the cost range from \$18,000 to \$36,000. **Motion:** by Ryan to contract with East Schroon Lake Association on the Milfoil Project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Costello, carried.
  - d) **Lake George Park Commission – Grants to Municipalities/SWCD:** Wick has just completed the overall assessment of Stewart Brook for the Town of Bolton, which is just south of the Bolton Hamlet, the report outlines the causes and other issues with recommendations. Wick also met with the new Ticonderoga Town Supervisor and the Director of LGA about the District managing the Ticonderoga Stormwater grant from LGPC \$15,000. Wick will be putting together a proposal shortly.
  - e) **NACD Annual Meeting – Lieberum:** This annual meeting provides SWCD's from around the nation the ability to meet and you can see what the important national issues, projects and programs District's are dealing with. Some major ones where Urban Stormwater and agriculture especially with the NRCS reduction of staff members and upcoming farm bill. Over all it was a great meeting.
  - f) **Other:** Costello mentioned the District maybe able to contract with Towns for some extra income on well testing that is required by all Towns to conduct. **Motion:** by Costello to have Wick look into to this more and get back to the board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan, carried.

**5) Partner Report:** Scott Fitscher, USDA NRCS. Spoke on behalf of USDA & NRCS. A report is attached.

**6) District Staff Reports:**

- a) **David Wick, DM,** Wick's report was reviewed.
- b) **James Lieberum, WRS,** Lieberum's report was reviewed.
- c) **Dean Moore, SrDT,** Moore's report was reviewed.

**7) Adjournment: Motion: by Ryan adjourn Directors meeting at 2:06p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Costello, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

- B - Correspondence
- C - Partners reports
- D- Staff Reports