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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 25th, 2013

PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Tim Costello, Director	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Evelyn Wood, Director	Dean Moore, SrDT
Mark Brown, Director	Bob Bombard, WRS
Charlie Maine, Director	Nick Rowell, NRS

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Montesi convened the Director's meeting at 1:00pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Costello to approve the minutes of January, 2nd by Brown, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report:** NONE
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$87,660.00, most of which is grant money. Rhonda's computer is having issues Mr. Kenyon from county IT department will be coming next week to fix it, at that time Rhonda will be able to complete January's financial report and she will send it out to board members for review and approval. Rhonda has submitted to the board a weekly budget sheet which shows payments and income from January 1st of 2013 until this date. Bills for payment and approval in February 2013, totaled \$4,041.97. **Motion: by Wood to approve bills for payment for January and the weekly financial report for January 1st until this date, 2nd by Maine, carried.**
 - c) **Correspondence:** (See appendix B)
 - Great RC&D invoice for annual dues was presented to the board for approval and payment but first a discussion on whether to send the full amount for the RC&D council has been downsized for lack of funding. The board members agreed to pay full invoiced amount for this year and take another look at it for year 2014.
- 4) **Business:**
 - a) **NACD Annual Meeting Review:** Lieberum and Costello had attended the 2013 NACD event which was held in San Antonio, TX from Jan 26- 30, 2013. Lieberum and Costello had a great time as there were a wide variety

of topics that were covered. The main discussion was issues of the agricultural practices that helped to create the Dust Bowl and what changes have occurred that is helping to reduce impacts today. Packet's of information was passed around for the board members to see. 2014 meeting will be held in Anaheim California.

- b) **2013 Legislative Days – February 11th & 12th - Albany:** Lieberum assisted Ryan and Brown at the 2013 NYACD Legislative Days in Albany on February 11 & 12th. They met with 4 legislators and the District's are still highly thought of and will be supported. The overall feeling was the District's message was well received.
 - c) **City of Glens Falls Bioretention project:** This project was presented to the Board by Lieberum. Mike White about two weeks ago talked with Lieberum and discussed this project and asked if the District would contract with the City of Glens Falls for construction and oversight of this project. The Board members were excited about this and so Lieberum will put forth and bring back a plan.
 - d) **Bixby Estate Proposal:** Lieberum has developed a contract for the Bixby Estate Landowners for the development of a watershed assessment and is waiting for an acceptance. Lieberum will keep the Board members informed of the outcome.
 - e) **Alternative De-icing Forum – April 17th:** The District has received a small grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program. The District has partnered with several agencies that are a part of the developing of this program. There will be a forum for superintendents and their staff to assist with evaluating their methods for snow and ice management through the use of alternative materials and a change in practices. The forum will be on April 17th at the fort William Henry and is free to attendees.
 - f) **Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition:** This group met at the District's office and it consists of many district's and local partners in the surrounding areas. It is moving forward with trying to initiate water quality data collection for the group. They have a free intern now from Skidmore College who will be doing the data collection. This group is moving forward and Lieberum will keep you updated on the outcome of the collection and where it will go from there.
 - g) **Summer Intern:** Gilles from The Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning board will be hiring a summer intern and Lieberum has asked if the District could contract with them to share the intern for the summer. Gilles agreed that would work out great. Lieberum asked the board if this is something they would agree on and a motion was set in place. **Motion:** by Brown to accept a contract with LCH/LG Regional Planning for share their summer intern for this 2013 summer work, 2nd by Wood, carried.
 - h) **Other:** .
- 5) **Partner Report:** No Report presented this month. Lieberum had presented a Director Training Module on "Partners in Conservation" this will be accountable for 2013 annual reporting part C performance measures for the State Committee.

6) **District Staff Reports:**

- a) **James Lieberum, DM**, Jim's report was reviewed.
- b) **Bob Bombard, WRS**, Bob's report was reviewed.
- c) **Dean Moore, SrDT**, Moore's report was reviewed.
- d) **Nick Rowell, NRS**, Nick's report was reviewed.

7) **Adjournment: Motion: by Maine adjourn Directors meeting at 2:17p.m., 2nd Costello, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer

Date Approved: _____

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