



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS January 27th, 2014

PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Ron Montesi, Vice Chairman	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Tim Costello, Director	Dean Moore, SDR
Charlie Maine, Director	Nick Rowell, NRS
Evelyn Wood, Director	Bob Bombard, WRS
George Ryan, 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 December, 2013 minutes, 2nd by Montesi, 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 \$110,529.64; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment and approval in January 2014 Operating bills, totaled \$71,843.17, big amounts are NYS Retirement, Workers Comp. Grant account approval for payment in January total \$11,774.87 Rhonda also presented a grant update sheet for the board members. **Motion: by Costello to approve all bills for payment for January and the financial report for December 2013, 2nd by Montesi, carried.**
 - c) **Correspondence:** **a.** Thank you card from Ally the intern. **b.** Lake Champlain Basin Program letter to Rowell about one of his grant application it was denied, and one for \$15,000 was received for the Hydro seeding program grant. **c.** LGA Newsletter. **d.** NYSCDEA Newsletter by Katelyn from Hamilton Co SWCD. **e.** Information Lieberum printed out for foresters in our area, a native bug that is killing Asheboro bug.
- 4) **Business:**
 - a) **2014 Legislative Days:** NYACD Legislative Days Registration in Albany Please let Rhonda know who will be attending. It is Feb 10 & 11th, 2014. Lieberum will be attending but will not be going down Monday until later in the evening. Montesi also mentioned he will be also attending.
 - b) **2013 Annual Plan of Work Review:** 2013 Annual Plan of Work was reviewed and what a great job the District staff had done in the year 2013 keep it up.
 - a) **2014 Annual Plan of Work - Proposed:** 2014 Annual Plan of Work was reviewed and approved. **Motion:** by Montesi to approve the 2014 Annual

Plan of work, 2nd by Ryan, carried.

- b) **Tree and Shrub order form:** This year's tree and shrub form has been completed and sent out please take some for your towns if you have not already received them. There a few new species added to the list, Pear Trees and the crown vetch has been replaced by Barren Strawberry.
Motion: by Ryan to accept the added species to the tree and shrub form, 2nd by Maine, carried.
- c) **Farm Talks:** Rowell and Lieberum have set up a Farm Talks program. This program involves at least two presenters on certain topics in the Conservation field. It is free to the public and the first one is being held on February 28th, from 6-8pm at the NYS DEC office in Warrensburg. Beekeeping on the Homestead and Backyard Sugaring are the two talks this month. Contact our office to sign up. They are hoping to have one every month.
- d) **Current Grant Projects:** Lieberum, Moore and Bombard are reporting on the grant projects at this time. Lieberum-MS4, Moore-Schroon River grant and Bombard- Glen Lake, Fish Passage and English Brooke grants. Field work will begin in the spring of 2014.
- e) **Grant Applications Updates:** The District is still waiting to see if the grant proposals the District has submitted have been accepted. So far one has been denied and one accepted. Lieberum will you the board members up to date.
 - a) **Hazard Mitigation:** Lieberum is busy working on a new plan for the County for Hazard Mitigation. The table top program through emergency services is on for this year so if anyone is interested in participating in this program give Warren County emergency services a call.
 - b) **Other:** 1. Upper Hudson Coalition Group fax sheet, each county. 2. Annual reports if board would like to look at them. 3. SWCD Budget from Como he is pushing to increase District's to 4.5 million.

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 Montesi adjourn Directors meeting at 2:45p.m., 2nd Ryan, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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