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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 27, 2016

### PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman

Mark Brown, Director

Tim Costello, Director

Evelyn Wood, Director

Charlie Maine, Director

Ron Montesi, Vice Chairman

Dean Moore, SrDT

Robert Bombard, WRS

Bob Brower, NYSSWC

- 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 Montesi to approve the May 2016 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Costello, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** Lake George Land Conservancy-Woolly Adelgid and Impacts to Water Quality, Warren Rosenthal, conservation manager of the LG Land Conservancy spoke on the woolly adelgid and the impacts to water quality on lake George, it was well presented and a thank you from the board.
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report:** No report this month. Thomas did mention thoughts and prayers out to Jim Lieberum and his family for the passing of his mother.
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$207,489.22; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for June totaled \$19,108.08 for operating budget and 322.26 in grant projects, approval of May financial report 2016. **Motion: by Montesi to approve all bills for payment for June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maine, carried. Motion: by Costello to approve the financial report for April 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wood, carried.**
  - c) **Correspondence:** 1. Paperwork on Lake George Land Conservancy. 2. Letter to Lieberum for an invite to The Fund for Lake George 2016 annual meeting at the Sagamore Resort. 3. A couple memos from Lieberum on the Emerald Ash Borer. 4. A thank you to Moore from the NYS Envirothon for his help. 5. A Save the Date flyer from Lake Champlain basin program on Aquatic Invasive Species Seminars. 6. A thank you to the staff from Harry and Herta Liedy for support in bettering the community. 7. Thank you not from the District's intern Gabby to Dean for helping her receive her scholarship and receiving the YMCA Earth Service award. 8. An article in

the Post Star "Hands on with Nature" school children stocking Lake George with Salmon by hand. 9. Letter to Bombard thanking him for volunteering his time at the WC Fish Hatchery for their first annual Spring Zing. 10. Thank you letter to the Moore and the Sponsors of the Warren County Envirothon for the invite of WSWHE BOCES they came in first place and they will be back next year. 11. An email to Rowell from a volunteer on releasing the purple loosestrife beetles on Schroon Lake for a project. 12. An Article in the Lake George Mirror about the releasing of salmon in Lake George by school students. 13. A thank you note to Dean from the 2016 Mount Academy Envirothon team for all his work at the state Envirothon. 14. Flyer on the Adirondack Waterfest being held Noblewood Beach in Willsboro, NY on Friday July 14, 2016.

5) **SWCD Business:**

- a) **September Board Meeting-District Law Confirmed**, Make note that all board members need to be presented at this meeting to complete the District full funding for 2016 requirements.
- b) **West Brook Conservation initiative (info sent to board after last board meeting)**, This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) **NYSSWCC Regional Managers Meeting-Ray Brook, June 6 2016 outcome**, See under other agencies Bob Brower.
- d) **Hazard Mitigation Status**, See Lieberum's report.
- e) **Current Grant Projects Updates**,
  - a. **Bob-English brook, Culverts, Schroon Lake (Schroon)-See Bobs report**
  - b. **Dean – Schroon Lake (Horicon), Schroon River Habitat, Hydroseeding- see Deans report**
  - c. **Nick – LC Stormwater, RCPP, Loosestrife- See Nicks report**
  - d. **Jim – Upper Hudson (2)- See Jims report**
- f) **2016 NYSDEC Project Applications (Culverts, Hydroseeding)**, Lieberum mentioned in his report the District will be putting in 2 grant applications for NYS DEC Round 13 grants for a culvert replacement in the LG/Halfway brook watershed area and a Hydroseeding grant which will cover countywide.
- g) **AEM Wrap up**, AEM round 11 final reports has been sent in along with the voucher for payment totaling \$10,865.00, the program went very well this year most projects had been completed or to the next stage of progress. Also Brower will be down to complete the annual audit for the program.
- h) **Other**, Coop information was sent to all board members for review and additions and discussion. **Motion:** by Costello to approve the COOP Plan for the District office, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown, carried.

- 6) **Other Agencies:** Bob Brower, NYSSWC report was reviewed Brower also spoke on Part A, B, &C of the state committee reports, A is funding \$60,000; B is funding on a district program \$6,000 and C if funding on Municipal and Landowner Assistance for our District and/or a larger project in which a vehicle could be incorporated into that by not purchased on its own all of this was discussed at the Managers Meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Scott Fitscher, NRCS/USDA report was reviewed.

7) **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's Report was reviewed.
- d) **Nick Rowell, NRS, Rowell's**, Rowell's Report was reviewed.

8) **Adjournment: Motion: by Montesi to adjourn Directors meeting at 2:30p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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