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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 28th, 2021

PRESENT:

District Office Closed due to COVID-19 a Zoom meeting was held. Frank Thomas, Tim Thomas, Mike Greenslade, Dan Bruno, Susan Wilson, Rhonda Jarvis, Nick Rowell, James Lieberum, Dean Moore, Maren Alexander, Ryan Cunningham, and Robert Bombard were at the district office, socially distancing. Zoom members: None this month.

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** called meeting to order at 1:01pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Tim Thomas approved May minutes, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** None this month +
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report:** No Report.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the district has an estimated \$311,017.39; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for June totaled \$39,301.79, which \$11,652.05 in operating funds and \$27,649.74 in grant funds. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the financial report for May 2021, along with Bills for payment for June and signature sheets signed and returned, 2nd by Wilson, carried.
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1. Email to Rowell from a customer that attended the 4hr Erosion and Stormwater zoom training he loved it and he will be improving on his erosion issues and getting a head of the problems. 2. A thank you card from Rachel the intern. 3. A thank you card from the committee of the Envirothon for the District oping into the virtual testing. 4. An article in The Sun by Thom Randall on an arbor day Maple tree planted for a memorial in from of the Warrensburg High School, for Steve Parisi.
- 5) **SWCD Business:**
 - a) **2022 SWCD Budget Committee,** Lieberum is looking to set up the 2022 SWCD Budget Committee now so the district can get moving forward with lots of discussion on budget lines. Mark Brown, Frank Thomas and Tim Thomas and Mike Greenslade will be on the budget committee and will be setting up a date in July.
 - b) **NYACD Division 5 Rep. vote,** Lieberum mentioned that Frank Thomas is interested in becoming the NYACD Division 5 Rep. again for the district.

Motion: by Tim Thomas to vote Frank Thomas to be the new NYACD Division 5 Rep, 2nd by Bruno, carried with Frank Thomas abstained.

- c) **NYSDEC WQIP applications**, The District is applying for 4 NYSDEC WQIP Water Quality Improvement Program grants: Stormwater/Green Infrastructure – Wincrest Drive drainage, Municipal Center Green Up, Crandall Park Pond Stormwater Remediation; Roadside Erosion Control and Stormwater Management – this would be to fund the rolled erosion control blankets, etc.; 2 planning grants yet to be determined, which are up to \$30,000. The district will most likely have several projects with grant application through Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition and the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition (CWICNY). **Motion:** by Bruno to approve up to 4 applications to submit to NYS DEC for grant funding, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
- d) **Lake Champlain Basin Program Agroforestry grant**, Nick mentioned this funding will come together this November of 2021. We did receive the grant funding approved verbally for \$26,000 to work with SUNY ADK on their 30 acres. Along with 3 workshops, and implementation is the last section in the grant process. Tree Planter that was donated will be used in this grant, so district is looking for rental policy on that along with the liability insurance on it for District.
- e) **Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition – NYSDEC 9 Element Plan application approval**, **Motion:** by Wilson to approve and opt-in on the NYSDEC 9 Element Plan in the amount of \$1500 over the next 3 years totaling \$4500 during the application 3-year commitment, 2nd by Tim Thomas, carried.
- f) **Warren County Water Quality Strategy Committee- July 14**, Lieberum mentioned the district will be holding a project tour for Warren County Water Quality Strategy Committee meeting on July 14, 2021. Please let Lieberum or Rhonda know if you are interested in attending this tour. 20 people have responded as of today. Tim Thomas, Dan Bruno and Susan Wilson will be attending from our office.
- g) **Skidder Bridge and Forestry BMP Training- July 30th**, Alexander mentioned the district has hosted the 1st Forestry Best Management Practices and Skidder Bridge Workshop in the Town of Duane last week with a great turnout and looking for to the second one on July 30th at the Hague Highway Department. This training is partnered with Franklin County SWCD on a grant from LCBP. Please let Rhonda or Alexander know if any member is interested attending there is Forestry credit available.
- h) **Gypsy Moth Infestation Q&A**, Alexander mentioned the district is now monitoring closely the planting areas from the Arbor Day program at the West Brook Initiative Park in Lake George, because there have been many trees that seem to be affected by the gypsy moth. The district is hoping newly planted trees will survive they are heavily mulched and watered regularly. On I87 off Exit 21 looking up at Prospect mt. has been heavily disturbed by the Gypsy Moths, within the next week or two you will see the tree leaving up again they are starting to sprout now. Look on our Facebook for some answers if you have questions or call the district.
- i) **NYS DEC "Regeneration "Program**, this is for private landowners who

own between 10 and 1000 acres and if you have problems with erosion, etc...it is for woodland improvements on your property. Go to NYS DEC for applications to get funding. You would apply online through NYS DEC. Districts are not able to apply for people. It will be a good program but the marketing of it needs some explanation or to be simplified.

j) **Community Conservation Program – Additional Ideas**, none this month.

k) **Current grant Projects, SEE ALL STAFF REPORTS**

l) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting Info**, none this month.

m) **Other**,

1. 2024 NCF Envirothon of NEW YORK invoice for support for New York State hosting the national Envirothon in 2024. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to support and pay over the next 4 years in the amount of \$750.00 each year for the 2024 National Envirothon in NY, 2nd By Wilson, carried. 2. New agreement with Town of Queensbury and the District for the MS4 program with the Town of Queensbury. **Motion:** by Greenslade to approve the agreement with the Town of Queensbury for the MS4 program duties, 2nd by Bruno, carried.

6) **Staff Reports:**

a. **Jim Lieberum, DM**, Lieberum's report was reviewed. Lieberum has taken the Master Forest owner program course.

b. **Robert Bombard, WRS**, Bombard's report was reviewed.

c. **Dean Moore, SRDT**, Moore's report was reviewed.

d. **Nick Rowell, NRS**, Rowell's report was reviewed.

e. **Maren Alexander, DT**, Alexander's report was reviewed.

f. **Ryan Cunningham, NYS SWCC**, Cunningham's report was reviewed.

7) **Adjournment: Motion:** by Bruno to adjourn meeting at 2:30pm, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer

Date Approved: _____