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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 22, 2021

PRESENT:

District Office Closed due to COVID-19 a Zoom meeting was held. Mark Brown, Frank Thomas, Rhonda Jarvis, Nick Rowell, James Lieberum, were at the District office, socially distancing. Zoom members: Tim Thomas, Susan Wilson, Maren Alexander and Robert Bombard and Dean Moore.

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Brown called meeting to order at 1:04pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Tim Thomas approved February minutes, 2nd by Frank Thomas, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** New GIS Technology and applications for Warren County SWCD- Nick Rowell. Great presentation on the use of the New GIS Technology for the District and a great time saver for the information needed for programs and projects for the county.
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report:** Brown did not have much to report only that please enjoy this nice weather we are having, and we should not be getting any more snow he put his shovel away.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$272,929.92; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for February totaled \$31,646.08, along with an additional payment to Ryan Garofalo for the start up on the District Website of \$250.00 **Motion:** by Wilson to approve all operating bills for payment for March and signature sheets were signed and returned, 2nd by Tim Thomas, carried. **Motion:** by Wilson to approve the financial report for February 2021, signature sheets signed and returned, 2nd by Tim Thomas, carried.
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1. Thank you card from NYACD to the District for attending the meetings with Dan Stec and Matt Simpson. 2. A thank you not to Lieberum from John Fair for information giving to him by Lieberum on wetlands. 3. Great article in the LGA News and Notes of Brown presenting the 2020 Conservationists award to Randy Rath.
- 5) **SWCD Business:**
 - a) **2021 Legislative Days,** Lieberum, Brown and Blanche from NYACD Alice

from Essex County SWCD meeting with Matt Simpson in the am via Zoom. Lieberum, Brown, Alice from Essex County, Dustin Lewis from Saratoga County and Chase from Franklin County meeting with Dan Stec in the pm via Zoom. A lot of positive information the work was appreciated that the SWCD's do.

- b) **2021 Water Quality Symposium**, 2021 Water Quality Symposium was all virtual and it came out amazing, thanks to Dustin and Chase for putting this all together, outstanding job, there were over 140 participants. Maren Alexander was awarded the Division V merit award. Congratulations Maren. Alexander was surprised and thanked all (Board members and Staff) for supporting her. Wilson attended the symposium, and it was a great turnout.
 - c) **Public Employ Health Emergency Plan- Review and Approval**, **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the Public Employee Health Emergency Plan with all updates, 2nd by Wilson, Carried.
 - d) **Tree and Shrub program update**, Alexander mentioned the District received 136 orders for tree and shrub program and having the deadline mid-week was a great choice. District sold out of some species, but most added a different one to keep numbers good.
 - e) **Part C Budget**, **Motion:** by Wilson to approve the Part C budget that was discussed with some changes on some categories, as the District was awarded \$112,800 for Part C funding, 2nd by Frank Thomas, carried.
 - f) **Current grant project updates** Will be seen in all staff monthly reports, but not much has been going on with the movement on grants due to weather, reports are attached.
 - g) **Community Conservation Program – Additional Ideas**, NONE this month.
 - h) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting Info**, Wilson attended the 2021 Water Quality Symposium (Please make sure all board members email Rhonda if they have taken any courses or seminars or meetings. None this month,
 - i) **Other**, 1. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the 2021 Spring fish program flyer same prices as last year, 2nd by Frank Thomas, carried. 2. The district intern will be starting on April 29th working Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesdays for April and May of 2021. 3. Lieberum mentioned Kathlyn Stewart from Hamilton County SWCD will be having a mini symposium on invasive species via Zoom on April 22, 2021 Lieberum will me sending the invite to all board members. 4. Water Quality Strategy meeting will be held via zoom on April 14th, 2021.
- 6) **Staff Reports:**
- a. **Jim Lieberum, DM**, Lieberum's report was reviewed.
 - b. **Robert Bombard, WRS**, No Report.
 - 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.
 - a. **Ryan Cunningham, NYS SWCC**, Cunningham's report was reviewed.

- 7) **Adjournment: Motion:** by Tim Thomas to adjourn meeting at 2pm, 2nd by Frank Thomas, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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