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

May 18th, 2015

### PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Ronald Montesi, Vice Chairman	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Charlie Maine Director	Nick Rowell, NRS
Evelyn Wood, Director	Bob Bombard, WRS
Tim Costello, Director	Scott Fitscher, NRCS

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Chairman Thomas convened the Director's meeting at 1:04pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Montesi to approve the April 2015 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wood, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report:** Thomas has no news to report this month. He did mention that Nick Rowell did a great job down at the county board meeting.
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$153,575.00; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for May totaled \$2,681.23 and approval of April financial report 2015. All grant account approvals for payment in April if added are approved. **Motion: by Costello to approve all bills for payment for May, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maine, carried. Motion: by Costello to approve the financial report for April 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maine, carried.**
  - c) **Correspondence: 1.** Thank you card from the Karen Tinney, reference department Crandall Library to Dean Moore.
- 4) **Training – USDA Websoil Survey – James Lieberum** – Well presented.
- 5) **SWCD Business:**
  - a) **Updates on existing District Grants,** MS4 DEC grant will be closing out in the summer, payments have been made to some towns and villages. DOS Schroon Lake Grant projects have been moving along nicely, AIM has been harvesting. DEC English Brook grant Stormwater improvement project on Exit 22 has been scheduled. Lieberum and Moore have been going over the new Stormwater Maintenance grant with Kevin Hajos from WC DPW to go over specs. Moore has been waiting for open time to work on Schroon River Habitat and he has been hydro seeding. Rowell and the

interns have been working on the Purple Loosestrife project to get that moving.

- b) **Tree and Shrub Finals numbers**, this will be discussed at a later meeting for all the bills have not sent to the District office overall it was a great day and lots of extra's have been sold.
  - c) **Warren County Envirothon**, This year the District had a great day for the Envirothon, all schools attended and 100 kids competed. The winning team was Johnsburg and they will continue to the States competition in May.
  - d) **Interns: Ashley Leemans and Christopher Killough**, Two summer interns have been hired Ashley Leemans and Christopher Killough to help on grant work for the summer, they are out today with Dean Moore doing field work. Hopefully they will be in the office at next meeting to introduce them to the board.
  - e) **Consolidated Funding Applications – due July 31**, New York State has their new round of funding applications out and Lieberum will be looking for suggestions for new grant funding info, the district will be applying for Water Quality improvement and Stormwater, aquatic habitat and fish passage so please let him know if you have any suggestions.
  - f) **Transfer of Onsite Septic Funds, Motion:** by Wood to move the \$2000 dollars from the ESLA group to Essex County SWCD for the Schroon Lake Project septic pumps out in Essex County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Montesi, carried.
  - g) **Beach Road Sampling**, The District may be asked to do the sampling for the Beach Road project, Lieberum believes the District will have to turn it down for the staff may not have the time to complete due to the many grants the District has been awarded.
  - h) **Other**,
    1. **Motion:** by Costello to change the State Committee Part B reporting from Stormwater to Sampling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wood, Carried.
    2. Michael Latham from state committee has sent over the new reimbursable rates for grants.
    3. Saturday May 30, 2015 Halfway Brook clean-up day starting at Hovey Park Pond from 9-12, a town and county MS4 program for the stream clean up.
    4. Lieberum suggested that he should join the SUNY Adirondack Agriculture Advisory Board and sits at next meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8-9:30, the board agrees and accepted.
- 6) **Other Agencies:** Bob Brower, NYSSWC April 2015 monthly report was reviewed. Scott Fitscher mentioned He has been working on USDA Equip program in our county for High Tunnels and Forestry Plans: Timber Stand in Stony Creek and High tunnel for George Ryan in Lake George.
- 7) **District Staff Reports:**
- a) **James Lieberum, DM**, Lieberum's Report was reviewed.
  - b) **Bob Bombard, WRS**, Bombard's 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 2:25p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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