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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS January 24, 2022

PRESENT: Frank Thomas, Mike Greenslade, George Ryan, James Lieberum, Rhonda Jarvis, Robert Bombard, Nick Rowell, Maren Stoddard, Dean Moore, Zoom members: Mark Brown, Dan Bruno, Tim Thomas, Susan Wilson and Ryan Cunningham.

- 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, to approve December minutes, 2nd by Wilson, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** District Law Training, Ryan Cunningham NYSSWCC.
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report,** Brown mentioned the district staff has an amazing 2 year during Covid with great accomplishments.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the district has an estimated \$183,851.80; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for January totaled \$72,808.21 with payment for State Retirement of \$52,792.00. **Motion:** by Ryan to approve the financial report for December 2021 \$183,851.80, along with Bills for payment \$72,808.21 for January operating and grant bills, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1. Letter from Warren County Board of Supervisors from Rachel Seeber, Chairwoman thanking the district for all exemplary work the district has done on a day to day bases and grateful of the efforts district put forth in working with Rachel and the board. With hand written thank you notes added from Rachel and Frank Thomas. 2. A thank to Lieberum and Rowell for presenting at a SUNY Adirondack class from Kim London from SUNY ADK. 3. An article district is mentioned in for the Bike Station project the district completed.
- 5) **SWCD Business:**
 - a) **2022 Board Members Appointments,** Frank Thomas & Dan Bruno were reappointed from the Warren County board members. Tim Thomas and George Ryan
 - b) **SWCD Policies for Approval, no recommended updates or changes at this time,** **Motion:** by Greenslade to approve all District Polices for 2022 year with no corrections or additions or deletions, 2nd by Ryan, carried.

- c) **2021 Annual Plan of Work review**, 2021 Annual Plan of Work was sent to all board members to review with comments. All were very happy with the outcome of this year accomplishments, great job Warren County SWCD staff.
- d) **Lake George-removal from the NYSDEC 303d list**, At the Water Quality meeting Lieberum mentioned that he was made aware that the NYSDEC will be removing Lake George from the 303d list. **Motion:** by Ryan for Lieberum to put in some comments on why Lake George should continue to be on the 303d list, 2nd by Frank Thomas, carried.
- e) **CWICNY and Upper Hudson Coalition appointments**, **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve Lieberum as primary treasurer for CWICNY and Rhonda as alternate and Rowell as primary for Upper Hudson Coalition, 2nd by Ryan, carried.
- f) **2022 Legislative Days**, Lieberum submitted 3 articles to New York Association of Conservation Districts (NYACD) for inclusion in the Legislative Days projects and programs publication. So NYACD representative has scheduled up zoom meetings with Senator Dan Stec and Assemblyman Matt Simpson. If any of the board members are interested in attending the zoom meeting you may come to office or get on the zoom meeting, please let Lieberum know. Brown, Wilson, Greenslade, Tim Thomas are interested in attending.
- g) **2022 Water Quality Symposium**, Susan Wilson is interested in taking some classes at this 2022 event. If any other board member is interested in attending some classes, please let Rhonda or Lieberum know so they can get you registered.
- h) **2022 Ranger School 4hr Erosion & Stormwater training**, **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to present a 4hr Erosion and Stormwater training at the Ranger School and B.O.C.E.S for no charge, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
- i) **The Farm Talks**, Stoddard mentioned the district will be hosting a virtual Farm Talks evening on February 3rd, 20,22 at 6pm. Speaker will be Bill Richmond from the Adirondack Worm Farm and will include talk about composting as well. If any of the board members are interested in Farm talks please let Rhonda or Rowell know. Already 50 people signed up and there is more space available.
- j) **2022 Tree and Shrub program- minor changes**, Stoddard mentioned the minor changes of species switching and some price changes in the tree and shrub form and it has been sent out.
- k) **February Board meeting: Trainings for Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment for staff and directors per state mandate each year.** Rhonda mentioned that all members of the board and staff will need to attend this meeting if not available they will need to take these trainings and get the completed certificate to Rhonda. Amy Clute at Warren County Self Insurance will be presenting them.
- l) **NYSDEC grant awards**, **Motion:** by Bruno to accept the awards from NYS DEC grants and with Lieberum signing for the grants for the 3 culvert grants (Alden Brook-Horicon, Stock farm road, Chestertown and Swan Street, Warrensburg) and another erosion and sediment grant, along with funding from CWICNY and the Upper Hudson Coalition for the Crandall Park

project in the City of Glens Falls, 2nd by Tim Thomas, carried.

m) **Community Conservation Program**, None this Month.

n) **Current grant Projects, SEE ALL STAFF REPORTS.**

o) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting Info**, None at this time.

p) **Other**, 1. Lieberum mentioned the county received the Hazard Mitigation update dollars. The county is the receiver for the funding the district and OES will be helping. It is great news for the county up to \$90,000 for the update. 2. Government budget has been submitted the district may be eligible for an extra \$60,000 in funding. Lieberum will keep the board members updated. 3. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the agroforestry grant for a contract with SUNY ACC, 2nd by Ryan, carried.

6) **Staff Reports:**

a. **Jim Lieberum, DM**, Lieberum's report was reviewed.

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.

(Cunningham mentioned he will be glad to look at any reports before submission to the state if needed).

7) **Adjournment:** **Motion:** by Bruno to adjourn meeting at 2:15pm, 2nd by Ryan, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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