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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 28, 2022

PRESENT: James Lieberum, Dean Moore, Nick Rowell, Maren Alexander, Bob Bombard, Mark Brown, Frank Thomas, Tim Thomas, Susan Wilson, Dan Bruno, and Ryan Cunningham. Zoom attendees: Mike Greenslade. No Presence: George Ryan

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** called meeting to order at 1:00pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Wilson, to approve February minutes, 2nd by Frank Thomas, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** No presenter this month.
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report,** Brown had not much to say but thanking all who attended, and the weather is looking better.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the district has an estimated \$307,224.93; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for March totaled \$12,967.99. **Motion:** by Wilson to approve the financial report for February 2022 \$307,224.93, along with Bills for payment \$12,967.99 for March operating and grant bills, 2nd by Tim Thomas, carried.
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1. Article in Outdoor News on February 25th, 2022, on the District's Tree and Shrub seedling sale. 2. A thank you email to Lieberum from Larry Elmen, Warren County Attorney for visiting him and giving him information about the district who we are and what we do. 3. Thank letter from NYACD Executive Director for joining and supporting Legislative Days.
- 5) **SWCD Business:**
 - a) **2022 Legislative Days,** Lieberum mentioned this second year of a Legislative Day zoom platform went very well. Lieberum, Brown, Greenslade, Wilson and Tim Thomas, as well as Essex County SWCD met with Keith from Sen. Dan Stec's office in the morning and in that meeting, Keith mentioned he was glad to see the district had a Ronald Montesi Award as he worked with Ron in years past. Moore, Brown, Greenslade, Tim Thomas, as well as Essex and Saratoga County SWCD met with Assemblyman Matt Simpson in the afternoon. Positive information was given to the districts, and they appreciated the work that all SWCD's do.

- b) **2022 Water Quality Symposium**, 2022 Water Quality Symposium was held in the last two weeks. Many board members and staff has attended many classes that were presented. All the attendees mentioned they were great classes as always even though they all were virtual.
- c) **Years Of Service Recognition (Bombard/Moore/Rowell)**, At this year 2022 Water Quality Symposium the district had three staff members that were recognized for their years of service: Dean Moore for 15yrs of service, Nick Rowell 10 years of service and Robert Bombard 10 years of service. Congratulations to all three staff members.
- d) **Tree and Shrub Program Update**, Stoddard mentioned the district has received 163 orders as of today. District is pleased with the number of orders they have received, there will be extra trees for sale the day of so please look to see what is available. Over the next week or so the district employees will be preparing for the tree sale packing orders and getting extra tree ready to sell.
- e) **Fish Program**, this year district has been able to secure a supplier for the spring fish program. District has about 5 orders so far, deadline is April 22, 2022, with notice Saturday April 30th, 2022. Moore is looking forward in meeting this new supplier and continuing the spring fish program.
- f) **Proposed 2022 Part C Projects/Review and Approval**, Lieberum passed around the new proposed 2022 Part C project sheet for discussion and approval. The new 2022 funding amount is approximately \$122K, with many categories for projects and programs to continue moving forward.
Motion: by Tim Thomas to approve the categories put forth on the Part c funding projects excel sheet, 2nd by Bruno, carried.
- g) **Arbor Day Program**, Stoddard mentioned Johnsburg Central School, Warrensburg beautification Committee, Stony Creek Free Library and Town of Lake George in Shepard Park all are requesting an Arbor Day event of some sort. This is looking to be a great Arbor Day program year.
- h) **MS4 Reports**, Rowell and Lieberum have started the MS4 reports. Lieberum completes the county report and Rowell completes the Town of Queensbury's. A draft will be announced at the DPW committee meeting in April, as well as the District's April meeting then will go on to the Board of supervisors meeting in May for review and approval.
- i) **WC Envirothon**, this year the Warren County Envirothon will be held in person down at the Warren County Hatchery. Moore has secured at least 6 schools to commit to at least one or three teams. The sponsors have done their part again and has continued to support the district's Envirothon. It will be held on May 4th, 2022, anyone interested please stop by, support the kids, and have some lunch at 11pm.
- j) **Community Conservation Program**, **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the Warrensburg Community Garden-to plant a hedgerow outside the community garden and provide fruit and berries for humans and wildlife in the amount of \$1,000, 2nd by Bruno, carried. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the Town of Chester-Chester Challenge purchase seedlings and material and a backhoe rental to fix trails in the amount of \$1,000, 2nd by Bruno, carried
- k) **Current grant Projects, SEE ALL STAFF REPORTS.**

- l) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting Info**, None currently.
- m) **Other**, 1. A flyer was passed around and there was a discussion with all members and staff about possible using a repellent for reducing deer damage to Christmas trees, just something to consider in the future.

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**, NO REPORT.
- f. **Ryan Cunningham, NYS SWCC**, Cunningham's report was reviewed.

- 7) **Adjournment: Motion:** by Tim Thomas to adjourn meeting at 2:02pm, 2nd by Bruno, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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