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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 27, 2022

PRESENT: James Lieberum, Rhonda L. Jarvis, Nick Rowell, Maren Alexander, Bob Bombard, Dean Moore, Mark Brown, Frank Thomas, Tim Thomas, Susan Wilson, Dan Bruno, Mike Greenslade, Ryan Cunningham and Deb Runyon-Thurman Supervisor No attendance: George Ryan. Zoom attendees: None

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** called meeting to order at 1:03pm. For a in person meeting tour at SUNY Adirondack, 640 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 in Room 148 Bryan Hall.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes: Motion:** by Bruno, to approve May minutes, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** Tour of SUNY Adirondack Science Department facility and Agricultural Projects.
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report,** Brown thanks SUNY ACC for letting the District have a meeting and tour of the facilities. Also thanked Rowell and Lieberum for setting this all up for the meeting. Well done job to the District staff for receiving a grant for \$1,500 from Common Roots Foundation and the City of Glens Falls in the amount of \$3,500 for the Murray Street Garden Project in Glens Falls.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the district has an estimated \$341,997.01; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for June totaled \$37,771.11. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the financial report for May 2022 \$341,997.01, along with Bills for payment \$37,771.11 for June operating and grant bills, 2nd by Bruno, carried.
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1. 2 Thank you note cards from NYS Envirothon Committee. 2. Thank you card from Town of Johnsbury Library to Stoddard for the District's Arbor day program. 3. 3 thank you notes from North Warren Central School to Stoddard for the District's Arbor day program. 4. Article in the Outdoor News paper about the Spongy Moth Spraying, by Don Lehman. 5. An award letter from Common Roots for the district's application and will be receiving \$1500.00 for our Murray street project in Glens Falls, NY. 6. Thank you letter from NYS Envirothon to board members for letting district employees volunteer for the state Envirothon this year. 7. Email to Lieberum from a trainee for the 4hr erosion and stormwater zoom training that the district's holds stating it was

a very good training and very informative. 8. A thank you letter from the district to Bob's Trees for their support in the district's Arbor Day program over the passed 5 years with a map of the area's the trees have been planted. 9. The district is holding an appreciation luncheon for staff, the board and their families on July 23rd at noon at the Warren County Fish Hatchery rain or shine. 10. Stoddard mentioned the district has a new Program "Lake Champlain Cover Crop Planting Program" That is now up on the Districts website for applicants.

5) **SWCD Business:**

- a) **Proposed NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program Grants projects**, Lieberum mentioned the district is applying for 3 NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement program grants; Stormwater/Green infrastructure planning for the City of Glens Falls area near Sanford Street of Glen Street. Another one for Town of Lake Luzerne for funding to assist a road/stream crossing on Beartown Road. Finally, a funding request for the Town of Queensbury for a new Vacuum excavator.
- b) **Agricultural Tier 4 cost share, Motion:** by Frank Thomas to approve up to \$4500.00 to pay the engineering costs upfront on the River bend tree farm, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
- c) **Champlain watershed improvement Coalition of NY (CWICNY)**, Lieberum attended a CWICNY meeting held in Westport and coordinated a CWICNY a strategic plan introduction meeting with consultant and board members, along with coordinated meeting to continue the 2022 North Country Stormwater tradeshow. October 20th, 2022 will be the North Country Tradeshow held at the Great Escape Lodge, Matt Simpson will be the guest speaker and great presenters will be coming please let Lieberum know if you are interested in attending.
- d) **Upper Hudson River Watershed Improvement Coalition update**, Rowell mentioned the committee has decided to do a fundraiser of a 4hr Erosion & Stormwater training to off-set some of the district's funding for the 9 Element project for Upper Hudson River Watershed Improvement coalition. Rowell and Lewis from Saratoga County SWCD will be the presenters of the 4hr E&S training.
- e) **Current grant Projects**, the district has uploaded the NYS DEC plans of work for the grants awarded. See highlighted report from each employee. District will be applying for a Vacuum Excavator for a Warren County Community and culvert in the Town of Lake Luzerne on Beartown Road. Along with a NYS DEC Round 17 Erosion and Sediment project funding.
- f) **Warren County Water Quality Strategy Committee Meeting/Training/Luncheon-July 13th at the Warren County Hatchery**, Lieberum mentioned on July 13th the Water Quality Strategy Committee will be holding a meeting at the Warren County Hatchery in Warrensburg if any board member is interested please let Lieberum or Rhonda know so you can be signed up. Lieberum will send them the schedule of that day when completed. Most of the district board members have mentioned they will be attending the meeting.
- g) **Community Conservation Program, Motion:** None this month.

- h) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting Info**, None this Month.
- i) **Other**, 1. Lieberum has sent out the RFP information to engineering companies and the district has only received one today, but sure to see more come in before or on the deadline date. 2. NYACD annual meeting will be coming up in October please think about if you will be attending. Lieberum will email the details when district receives them. 3. The district office building has had some repairs to the front entrance way replacing boards and railings. 4. Rowell mentioned the District project of the Pollinator gardens down at the Warren County Municipal center on the back 2 1/2-acre parcel is coming along great 2 - 1,000ft plots have been established and soil management is in process. Rowell will keep district board members informed of the process. 5. There will be a new Master Forestry Program coming. The district website will have a link of Forestry resources. North River and Johnsbury have already signed up for this program. 6. Lieberum wanted to mention Eric Bright a great person that the district has known passed away from a tractor accident. The District gives their thoughts and prayers out to the whole family.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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