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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS July 25, 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, No attendance: George Ryan. Zoom attendees: None

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** called meeting to order at 1:06pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Tim Thomas, to approve June minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenslade, carried.
- 3) **Presentation/Training:** Rowell/Bombard: Lake Sunnyside Eurasian Watermilfoil, pre and post ProcellaCor treatment observations. Great presentation video of the results from there drives.
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report,** Brown had not much to mention but the heat has been hanging on strong and it was nice to see the rain come down for a bit. Hope all have faired through the month.
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the district has an estimated \$277,168.96; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for June totaled \$8,680.39. **Motion:** by Wilson to approve the financial report for June 2022 \$277,168.96, along with Bills for payment \$8,680.39 for July operating and grant bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Thomas, carried.
  - c) **Correspondence:** 1. Article on a cover crop program the district is doing through CWICNY funding source.
- 5) **SWCD Business:**
  - a) **Water Quality Strategy Committee Meeting,** District hosted a well-attended WQSC meeting down at the Warren County Hatchery 46 in attendance. A brief discussion on business (CWICNY/Upper Hudson/CFA applications/Etc.) along with discussions on water quality. A few speakers; Jeff Inglee-county hatchery, Tony Taverni- Friends Lake outgoing president and Robert Bombard- District. The meeting ended up at the LG recreation center for a lunch.
  - b) **Approve CFA/WQIP grant Applications, Motion:** by Bruno, to approve the submission of the three grant applications by the district staff, Rowell-Town of Queensbury Vacuum Truck (\$500,000), Bombard-Bear Pond Road

- Culvert replacement (\$60,000), Lieberum-Sanford Street stormwater feasibility plan (\$30,000), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Thomas, carried.
- c) **Proposed American Recovery Act Applications**, Lieberum mentioned the District maybe putting in three applications from the American recovery act. Lieberum and staff are going over proposed items for applications and if the board members have any input please let Lieberum know. Lieberum will keep board members updated if district will apply.
  - d) **Champlain watershed improvement Coalition of NY (CWICNY)**, Lieberum mentioned CWICNY has a great turnout for their meeting here at the district office. CWICNY has applied for a small organizational grant from the LCBP and was received. The district (Lieberum and Stoddard) stepped up to take over the North Country Stormwater Tradeshow with help from Randy Rath-LGA and Sean Doty-engineer. It is moving along nicely.
  - e) **Upper Hudson River Watershed Improvement Coalition update**, Rowell mentioned the 9 Element water management plan has been submitted and the Upper Hudson River Watershed Improvement coalition will hire a consultant to complete the plan. The phase one of the plan is closing out. Saratoga County SWCD will be having a septic inspection training class in the fall with a certification credits available. Rowell will keep the board members updated when date is decided.
  - f) **AEM program updates**, Rowell and Stoddard have moved forward with the two tier 4 Cost Share Projects. District has received the SHPO letters of above on both projects. Both project on each farm have contacted engineers and working with them. Rhonda has complete payment info and emailed it to Rowell for uploads to state committee. Rowell and Stoddard had a meeting with Elise Stefanik's representative about the District's agricultural program.
  - g) **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.
  - h) **Community Conservation Program, Motion:** Two applications for approval. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve Town of Thurman conservation projects with raingardens in and around the town for \$1,000.00 and The Richards Library in Warrensburg for educational signs and raingardens to enhance projects for \$1,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruno, carried.
  - i) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting Info**, Water Quality Committee meeting attendance by Wilson, Greenslade, Tim Thomas and Dan Bruno.
  - j) **Upcoming Events/Trainings** – Stream Clean Up (Aug 30), Post Flood Stream Intervention (Sept 9), NYACD (Oct 18-20), North Country Stormwater Tradeshow (Oct 20). Please let Lieberum or Rhonda know if you are interested in attending any of these up coming events.
  - k) **Other**, None this month

- 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 Wilson to adjourn meeting at 2:35pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Thomas, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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