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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 23rd, 2023

PRESENT: James Lieberum, Rhonda L. Jarvis, Nick Rowell, Maren Stoddard, Jake Dunkley, Bob Bombard, Frank Thomas, Dan Bruno, Mike Greenslade, Ryan Cunningham Zoom: Susan Wilson. No attendance: Mark Brown, Tim Thomas

- 1) **The meeting was called to order:** called meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Tim Thomas via email, to approve September minutes, 2nd by Wilson via email, carried at the meeting.
- 3) **Presentation/Training:** A Tour of the Adirondack Folks School was given at the end of the meeting.
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report,** No Report.
 - b) **Board Member Reports,** No Reports.
 - c) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation is concerned, the district has \$533,970.60; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for October totaled \$29,517.89. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas via email to approve the financial report for September 2023 \$533,970.60, 2nd by Wilson via email, carried out at the board meeting. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas via email to approve Bills for payment \$29,517.89 for October operating and grant bills, 2nd by Wilson via email, carried at the board meeting with Frank Thomas sustaining on the bills for payments. Along with a deposit transfer from the Money Management Account of \$50,000 transfer to the Now Account to pay payroll and payroll taxes for the month of November. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the \$50,000 transfer for October payroll for the district employees via email, 2nd by Wilson via email, carried out at the board meeting. **Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve additional bills and invoices via email, 2nd by Wilson via email, carried via email.
 - d) **Correspondence:** 1. Invoice for approval of NACD annual payment from the district **Motion:** by Bruno to approve annual payment of \$775.00 to NACD, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
- 5) **SWCD Business:**
 - a) **Warren County AEM Round 18 (Y2024-2026), Motion:** by Bruno for the approval of the AEM Round 18 plan of work for the next two years as well as the Tier 4 cost share in the amount of \$190,000, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
 - b) **AEM Forestry Approval,** Lieberum mentioned this AEM Forestry is a great

is a forester and will be meeting Lieberum and Stoddard to go over the program. Lieberum will keep the board members informed about what goes on and how the district can make this work as an income source.

- c) **NYSCDEA Solar and Wind Projects on Farmland**, Stoddard informed the board that NYSCDEA Solar and Wind Project on Farmland will be a discussion at the NYACD meeting coming up. It was discussed. Bruno stated that Warren County has had discussions on this matter too. Stoddard will keep the board informed of how the outcome is.
- d) **2023 LCBP Submitted Grant Applications**, Lieberum put in a planning grant for silver Bay rd. working with Walt lender and silver bay will be providing the match tours the planning grant. 2. Stoddard put in an application for the city of Glens Falls Water Department maintenance conservation plan. 3. Bombard put in an application for west brook looking for an apparatus to help smelt travel further upstream to spawn. 4. Rowell application for the clean water grant up to \$200,000 for phase II of trinity rock road in Lake George.
- e) **2023 Fall Fish Program**, Bombard mentioned this fall fish sale went well except for a misfiled 2023 fish from two different forms has been circulating and district didn't make a profit this year.
- f) **Lake Water Quality Intern (SUNY ADK/Warren County/Lake Associations)**, Lieberum mentioned of a Lake Water Quality Intern program assistance in many Lakes in the surrounding area has been a discussion at the WQ meetings Lieberum will keep you informed on the outcome.
- g) **Champlain watershed improvement Coalition of NY (CWICNY) update**, The North Country Stormwater Tradeshow was a hit again this year a great attendance from registration and vendors. Lieberum, Rowell, Stoddard, Frank Thomas, Bruno and Greenslade attended the district office.
- h) **Upper Hudson River Watershed Improvement Coalition update**, Rowell himself and Dustin from Saratoga County SWCD will be teaching a 4h Erosion and SW training later this week. Rowell worked with Town of Thurman Hyw department to complete the Forst street roadside stabilization project of 800 ft of roadside ditch with hydroseeding, Biosoxx as check dams and rolled erosion blankets.
- i) **Current grant projects updates**, See Staff reports. Most grants are in the process of wrapping up for the winter months.
- j) **Community Conservation Program**, NONE.
- k) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting Info (for performance measures)**, Bruno, Greenslade and Frank Thomas attended CWICNY North Country Tradeshow. Frank Thomas has a zoom meeting with NYACD on October 22,2023.
- l) **Other**, 1. **Motion:** by Bruno to have the County Attorney take over the district issue with the square up account and Lieberum's IRS issue, 2nd by Greenslade, carried. 2. Lieberum mentioned please give thoughts and ideas for this year's December meeting luncheon on December 18th to accommodate around 30 people. 3. Susan Wilson gave a big thanks to Lieberum and Stoddard for the Town of Bolton planning board training about timber harvesting. 4. Scott Fitscher from NRCS in Greenwich will be

retiring at the end of December 2023. November 8th the district staff and Scott will be meeting new members of NRCS at the district office

6) **Staff Reports:**

- a. **Jim Lieberum, DM**, Lieberum's report was reviewed.
- b. **Robert Bombard, WRS**, Bombard's report was reviewed.
- c. **Nick Rowell, NRS**, Rowell's report was reviewed.
- d. **Maren Stoddard, SDT**, Stoddard's report was reviewed.
- e. **Jacob Dunkley, DT**, Dunkley's report was reviewed.
- f. **Ryan Cunningham, NYS SWCC**, Cunningham's report was reviewed.

- 7) **Adjournment: Motion:** by Bruno to adjourn meeting at 2:31 pm, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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