



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
December 2, 2015

PRESENT: Edward Morgan, Rep At Large
Dennis Kirby, Manager
Judy Bennett, Sec./Treas.
James Neal, Farm Bureau Rep.
Katie Sommerfeldt, WQ Technician
John DeFilipps, Leg. Rep.
Megan McAnn, Technician
John Kast, R. at Large

I. Call To Order: Chairman, Edward Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm for the purpose of conducting routine business.

II. Public Comment Period: No public comments.

III. Minutes: Motion by Kast, second by Neal to accept the minutes as written. **Carried**

IV. Treasurer's Report: Motion by DeFilipps, second by Kast to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Carried**

V. Operational Budget vs. Actual: Dennis reported that this is in everyone's packet.

VI. Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Neal, second by Kast to pay the bills and sign the vouchers. **Carried**

VII. New Business:

- A. Soil Health Meeting – January 20: Dennis reported that this meeting is a statewide meeting and will be held in Syracuse. He would like to attend. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast for Dennis to attend and to go the night before if necessary. **Carried**
- B. Cover Crop Workshop – December 22: Dennis reported that the Soil Health Alliance is holding a cover crop workshop in Elba to introduce the Alliance and try to get more participation.
- C. Erosion & Sediment Training – January 27, 2016: Dennis reported that this is a training that we hold every 3 years for the Highway Departments to attend. Their certification is up in March, but January is when Monroe County can come and do the training. Monroe County gives us \$20 per participant. It is held from 9:00 – 1:00.
- D. Employee Evaluations: Morgan reported that he would like to have a special meeting on December 14 to go over these. Dennis handed out the evaluations that he completed.
- E. Other:
 1. Judy reported that we received an invoice from NACD for dues. Discussed. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal to pay what we paid last year. **Carried**
 2. Katie reported that she went and looked at a stream crossing for Andy Hendel. It is on Route 237 just south of 104. She explained the project. She wants to put in a bottomless culvert. She is putting together some prices for this to see if he wants to go through with the project. If he does want to continue she would bring it forward as a possible FLOWPA project with a 75% cost share.
 3. Katie reported that she has 4 grassed waterway designs for the same section on Route 237. She sent the designs to the Engineer in East Aurora for approval and he will send them to the acting Engineer in Batavia NRCS office once he has approved them.
 4. Kast asked if we have had any additional people requesting to be added to the email list for the newsletter. Judy reported that we have had some. Kast recommended to put an ad in the Pennysaver that our newsletter is now electronic. Dennis reported that he was also thinking that maybe we need to have our own website separate from the county.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. FL-LOWPA: The grassed waterway was already discussed and there will be a VTA coming up for Neal's. We have 3 more contracts to work on to get closed out.
- B. Grant Project Summary: Attached. Dennis explained the updates.

- C. Annual Meeting: Dennis reported that this will be held on January 15 at the Village Inn. We are inviting all the Legislators. We would like to appoint Todd Roberts as the AEM Farmer of the Year. Our monthly meeting will be held the same day at 10:00. We might send an email out to the newsletter list inviting them to attend because the newsletter won't go out until sometime in January. **Motion** by Kast, second by Neal to pay for the Legislators or their representatives and the Highway Superintendents to attend our Annual Meeting. **Carried**
- D. Other:
1. Dennis reported that the next big project for the Slashbuster is along Route 104. He has been out getting easements. Katie reported that there are also 2 other projects that she has lined up.
 2. Dennis reported that a local working group meeting will be held on December 14 in Batavia in the afternoon.
 3. Discussed meeting date for February. It was decided to have the meeting on February 3, 2016 in order to have a quorum.

IX. Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. **District Manager:** Attached.
- B. **District Conservationist:** Nothing to report at this time.
- C. **Orleans County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC):** Nothing to report at this time.
- D. **NYS SWCC Report:** Victor DiGiacomo's report is attached.

Next meeting date January 15, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:42 PM.

Judy Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer
Date:

Edward Morgan
District Chairman
Date: