



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

February 3, 2016

PRESENT: Edward Morgan, Rep At Large  
Judy Bennett, Sec./Treas.  
James Neal, Farm Bureau Rep.  
Katie Sommerfeldt, WQ Technician  
Megan McAnn, Technician  
John Kast, R. at Large  
Robert Bills, USDA NRCS  
Victor DiGiacomo, NYSSWCC

**I. Call To Order:** Chairman, Edward Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm for the purpose of conducting routine business.

**II. Public Comment Period:** No public comment.

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

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Judy explained the Treasurer's Report. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kast to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Carried**

**VI. Operational Budget vs. Actual:** Judy reported that this is in everyone's packet.

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

**VIII. New Business:**

- A. Board Approve Meal Per Diem Payments, Mileage Reimbursements: **Motion** by Kast, second by Neal to keep the meal per diem payments at the same rate as last year – Breakfast, \$15.00; Lunch, \$20.00; and Dinner, \$40.00, and to follow the county for the mileage rate which is currently \$0.53 per mile. **Carried**
- B. Round 22 Resolution: Judy reported that the Round 22 request for proposals has been released for the Ag Npn Point Source grant program. Dennis would like to submit 2 applications. One for cover crops for farms that have been missed on previous rounds and the other one for a Bunk Silo Leachate System and a Vegetated Treatment area for Brian Dunham. **Motion** by Kast, second by Neal to proceed with the grant applications. **Carried**
- C. Round 14: Discussed. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kast to remove K & W Enterprises from this grant and submit the resolution to close the contract. **Carried**
- D. Annual Audit: Judy reported that this is here to remind DeFilipps and Eick that they need to audit the books.
- E. Cover Crop Meeting – February 8 – Auburn: Judy reported that Dennis would like approval for him to go to this meeting because Jim Hershey from the Pennsylvania No Till Alliance will be there and he would like to talk to him to get more information on creating our local Soil Health Alliance. Dennis would also like to attend a NYS Soil Health Working Group meeting on March 21. **Motion** by Kast, second by Neal for Dennis to attend both of these meetings. **Carried**
- F. NYACD Dues: Judy reported that we received an invoice for our NYACD dues in the amount of \$1500. Discussed. **Motion** by Kast, second by Neal to pay the \$1500 for the NYACD dues. **Carried**
- G. FLOWPA 15-16 Contract: Judy reported that we have this new contract in the amount of \$67,200 to be signed. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kast for Dennis to sign the contract. **Carried**
- H. Meadowview Down Payment: Judy reported that this was in the voucher, but just wanted everyone to be aware of it. The down payment on the trees is due to Meadowview in the amount of \$1,378.88.
- I. Other:
  1. Judy reported that a District sent out an email requesting information on what Districts pay the NACD dues and how much they pay. Judy handed out the list to everyone for their information.
  2. Judy reported that there is a WNY Stormwater Conference that Dennis would like Katie to attend. It is being held in Buffalo and the cost is \$90. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kast for Katie to attend. **Carried**
  3. Katie reported that she met with National Grid about some drainage issues earlier this week. There were 2 areas that she was mainly meeting them about and they are on Route 279 and on Route 98. She explained the issues.
  4. Katie contacted DEC to talk to them about getting a General Permit from them. She is going to have a meeting with them to showcase some of the projects we have worked on to give them some examples.

5. Megan reported that currently we have \$37,894 in AEM time. The goal is to get to \$50,000 by May 6. She believes that we will be able to reach this goal.

**IX. Old Business:**

- A. **FL-LOWPA:** Judy reported that Katie has all the designs for the FLOWPA projects sent to the Area Engineer and we are waiting for these to get approved.
- B. **Grant Project Summary:** Attached. Judy explained that there are no updates this month.
- C. **Albany Visit Feb 29 – March 1:** Judy reported that DeFilipps, Morgan, and Dennis will be attending. Kast will be attending for Farm Bureau.
- D. **Other:**
  1. Katie reported that the slashbuster is broke down right now. It needs bearings and seals. The County Highway Department has taken it apart and they are waiting for the parts to come in to get it put back together. Once it is back together they will get out to Murray. The project on Letts Road was completed.
  2. Katie reported that she did a surveying class at the County Highway Department. She showed them different setups in the shop. They are thinking of doing another class in the summer on a real project. Morgan reported that he received a text from Mike Cliff at the County Highway Department stating that Katie is doing a great job.
  3. Judy reported that she has been assisting many other Districts with the Annual Report of the Treasurer.

**X. Cooperating Agency Reports:**

- A. **District Manager:** Attached.
- B. **USDA, NRCS:** Robert Bills reported that Round 1 applications for EQIP are going through the system trying to get funded. By the way that it looks right now there won't be much funding available for Round 2 because of all the applications for Round 1.
- C. **Orleans County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC):** Judy reported that the next meeting will be held March 7 here at our office at 10:00.
- D. **NYS SWCC Report:** Victor DiGiacomo went over the highlights of his attached report.

Next meeting date March 10, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:46 AM.

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Judy Bennett  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Date:

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Edward Morgan  
District Chairman  
Date: