



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
November 9, 2016

PRESENT: James Neal, Farm Bureau Rep.
Dennis Kirby, Manager
Judy Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer
Katie Sommerfeldt, WQ Technician
John DeFilipps, Leg. Rep.
Megan McAnn, Technician
William Eick, Leg. Rep.
Maggie Gnann, USDA NRCS

I. Call To Order: Vice-Chairman William Eick called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm for the purpose of conducting routine business.

II. Public Comment Period: No public comment.

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

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

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

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

VIII. New Business:

- A. Direct Deposit of Payroll Checks: Judy reported that Katie had asked a while ago about doing direct deposit for payroll. In the past there was always a charge associated with doing this. Now that we have switched to Five Star Bank they offer direct deposit to us for no charge. She is working on getting this set up for Dennis, Katie and Megan. She needs approval to do this because there will not be double signature on checks. This will all be done online. Motion By DeFilipps, second by Neal to move forward with the direct deposit. **Carried**
- B. Rain Barrel Pickup: This was put on here as a reminder to ask Ed to borrow his trailer to pick up the barrels from Genesee Brewery.
- C. Approve Payment of Cover Crop Grants: Denis reported that most of these are done. There are a couple of them that he has to go back and look at the fields. This is something that cannot be voted on today because Neal has to recuse himself. Dennis will send out an email to all the directors for approval.
- D. Kubota Maintenance: Katie reported that the Kubota needs new back tires. The emergency brake also needs to be fixed and it needs an oil change. Motion by Neal, second by DeFilipps to have the maintenance done on the Kubota. **Carried**
- E. FLOWPA:
 1. Dennis reported that he attended a Hydroseeder Class at Conservation Skills Workshop and found out that a lot of the other Districts that have hydroseeders find funds to help pay for the supplies. This helps people use it more because the supplies are quite expensive. Judy mentioned that at one point in time FLOWPA funds were used to pay each town \$500 per town that we would contribute towards the cost of the supplies. He attended this class to see if we should think about buying a new piece of equipment. He learned that ours doesn't work any different than any other ones do. He would like to offer each town some funds towards the hydroseeding supplies. Discussed. Motion by Neal, second by DeFilipps to offer \$1,000 to each town for hydroseeding expenses to come out of FLOWPA funds. **Carried**
- F. Approve Climate Resilient Farming Grant Application: Dennis reported that there is three categories to choose from to apply for. Our AmeriCorp volunteer Jena said she would like to learn more about grant writing. Dennis would also like Megan to learn more about grant writing. He suggested that the two of them work on writing a grant proposal through this program. Motion by DeFilipps, second by Neal to apply for this grant for fencing for Flenckenstein's. **Carried**
- G. Other:
 1. Dennis reported that Genesee County did a seminar on planting trees. It was how to plant them, how to select the site to plant them, and the soil types. We would like to have this in February and have Gary Koplun, NYSDEC

Forester come and do a presentation. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal to move forward with the workshop. **Carried**

IX. Old Business:

- A. Megan & Katie Irrigation Seminar: Dennis reported that this is November 15-17 in Cortland. They plan to go on the evening of November 14 so that they don't have to leave so early on the morning the training starts. **Motion** by Neal, second by DeFilipps for Katie and Megan to attend the Seminar. **Carried**
- B. New Boom Mower: Dennis reported that the new boom mower is ordered from Bentley's. If we don't get the full amount of Part C that we are expecting we are not obliged to take the boom mower. Judy mentioned that in our minutes from last month it was stated that we would order the John Deere. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal to rescind the earlier motion in the minutes to purchase the John Deere Boom Mower and instead to order the Kubota Boom Mower as voted via email dated 10/25/16. **Carried**
- C. Grant Project Summary: Dennis, Katie, and Megan went over the changes on the grant project summary report.
- D. Other:
 - 1. Dennis reported that after our legislative tour Ken DeRoller called and asked for a summary of what we did. He put that together and go it to Ken.
 - 2. Katie reported that we are working on getting some things ready for some slashbuster work for this year. She reported that we are hopefully doing a project on County Line Road on Hurd Farms. Then we plan to go to Gaines Basin Road and do a section of the Creek up to Ridge Road. She sent out letters to landowners in Yates for a project on a tributary to Johnson Creek. After this she wants to see about going to some projects in Kendall.
 - 3. Dennis would like approval to pay for Megan and Katie to become Notary Publics. Judy reported that before they take the test, they really need to take a class. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal for Katie and Megan to get their Notary. **Carried**
 - 4. Dennis reported that the Soil Health Alliance is hosting a workshop on December 21 at the Elba Rec Hall.
 - 5. Judy reported that Lynn-Ette's have a wetland mitigation plan that they have to do for NRCS. She has ordered some trees for them for this. They have to get the trees planted by November 15 and they nursery may not have the plants pulled from the ground until the 14th. She will be going to get them as soon as she is notified that they have them. The nursery is waiting for the trees to be fully dormant.
 - 6. Megan reported that she is working on the AEM Year 12 Interim Report. This is due by December 1. Katie reported that we are already halfway to our goal for the AEM program.

X. Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. **District Manager:** Attached.
- B. **USDA, NRCS:** Maggie reported that they are in the middle of application season. The deadline for the first round is November 18. Currently they have 13 applications. They have to do a full resource inventory assessment for each application. This helps to document the resource concerns better. She is busy reviewing Food Security Compliance. As far as staffing goes, it probably isn't going to get any better any time soon. She explained the advertisements for the Soil Conservationist and the Resource Conservationist positions in the office. She stated that hopefully in the future we can work on projects together.
- 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 December 13, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:53 PM.

Judy Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer
Date:

Edward Morgan
District Chairman
Date: