



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
September 13, 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
John Kast, Rep. at Large – Farm
Robert Bills, USDA NRCS

I. Call To Order: Assistant Treasurer James Neal called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm for the purpose of conducting routine business.

II. Public Comment Period: No public comment.

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

V. Treasurer's Report: **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast 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 Kast, second by DeFilipps to pay the bills and sign the vouchers. **Carried**

VIII. New Business:

- A. Authorize Key Bank & Change Investment Policy to reflect/Credit Card Certification/Collateral Agreement: **Motion** by Kast, second by DeFilipps to authorize Key bank as the official bank, to include that in the investment policy and to sign all the necessary paperwork. **Carried** With this change we have a credit card certification and collateral agreements to be signed by the officers.
- B. Conservation Skills Workshop: Dennis reported that the staff was given permission to go to this through email because of the registration deadline. Dennis and Megan are going Monday through Wednesday.
- C. Approve Part B Project for 2017: Dennis reported that he sent this out to the directors through email for their review. We use the money every year for the slashbuster. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast to approve the Part B Project. **Carried**
- D. Approve Plan of Work for 2017: Dennis reported that he sent this out to the directors through email for their review. He explained that the staff went over this and made some changes. Judy reported that we sent it to Victor for him to review and he approved it with no comments. **Motion** by Kast, second by DeFilipps to approve the Plan of Work as presented. **Carried**
- E. Approve Budget to County for 2017: Dennis reported that this is the time of the year to put in our request to the county. We have a packet that we put together to give to them. **Motion** by Kast, second by DeFilipps to approve the proposed budget. **Carried**
- F. Other: Dennis reported that we believe that Judy is going to out for a little while having surgery. She reported that she is going to try to hold off until the end of October.

IX. Old Business:

- A. Legislature Tour October 26: Dennis reported that this is set for October 26. At this time 5 legislators have expressed interest in going. We are looking into a bus for transportation. There are reservations for dinner at the Village Inn.
- B. Boom Mower Replacement: Dennis reported that the highway superintendents had a meeting that he went to and talked about replacing the boom mower. They were all in favor of it. They also mentioned keeping up with the \$500 for repair. He has gotten bids from Bentley Brothers for a Kubota and from John Deere. He also got a call from Bentley Brothers asking if we would be interested in a used one. We do not want to buy a used one. Dennis explained the different tractors and the bids. At this point we are waiting to get letters back from the towns in approval of purchasing the new one.

- C. Grant Project Summary: Judy reported that there has been quite a bit added to the report. She explained. Katie went over the grant projects and where we stand with them. Katie reported that she has another project for a Ford crossing for William Hung. She would like approval for this project. **Motion** by Kast, second by DeFilipps to move forward with the project. **Carried**
- D. Other:
1. Dennis reported that John Kast was appointed to complete the term for Michal Paduchak. We need to send a recommendation to the legislature to keep him on the board as the At Large Farm Representative. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal to make the recommendation to the Legislature to keep Kast on the Board for a 3 year term. **Carried** Kast abstained from voting.
 2. Katie reported that a couple of weeks ago she had the 14 year old shadow her for a day. It was a good day and she went out to the field and helped with some of the field work.
 3. Dennis reported that the New York Grown and Certified program has picked up a little bit. We have had several people call and ask about it. If the farm doesn't have an updated AEM Tier II then Megan does that and fills out a form to give to the farmer.

X. Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. **District Manager:** Attached. Discussed.
- B. **USDA, NRCS:** Bob reported that they are trying to clear up some end of the year things. He reported that he will be leaving here and moving back to Maine. He starts there on October 16. There will be a new Conservationist here on a temporary detail basis. He explained that they are looking for farmers to work with and getting them to sign up for some of their programs.
- C. **Orleans County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC):** Dennis reported that a meeting was held yesterday. Jayme from the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council attended the meeting and mentioned that they have a Regional Government Workshop in Batavia on November 16. The cost is \$75. They will be covering some information on Flood Plain Management, green infrastructure, and Army Corp of Engineers. He would like permission to send a couple of people to the workshop. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast for the staff to attend. **Carried**
- D. **NYS SWCC Report:** Victor DiGiacomo's report is attached.

Next meeting date October 11, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:57 PM.

Judy Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer
Date:

Edward Morgan
District Chairman
Date: