



CHENANGO COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting
3/19/2026 1:00 PM

Board Members Present:

John Lawrence Legislative Rep
Raymond Wakefield Legislative Rep
Joseph Henning Member at Large
James Jenne Grange Rep
Terry Ives Chenango Farm Bureau

Agency Staff & Partners Present:

Katy Kemmeren CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly CCSWCD
William Kelsey CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza CCSWCD
Sue McIntyre Guest

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of February were approved as presented. — Joe moved to approve, and Jim seconded the motion. No further discussion. There were five votes in favor. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The bills were presented and approved as presented. Terry seconded the motion. Five members were in favor. No further discussion. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

Paul Romanako was absent, and no report was submitted.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

Craig Brown was absent, and no report was submitted.

Soil and Water Conservation Committee (SWCC)

Scott Fickbohm was in attendance and did the District Law Training for those in person.

Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)

Brian Sheridan was absent, and no report was submitted.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

Eric Fisher was absent, and no report was submitted.

Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)

Jennifer submitted a written report (Attachment A).

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

Jennifer reported that the USC Retreat will be March 30th -April 1st at Tioga Downs. Jennifer, Riley and Will are planning to attend.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

Will reported the next meeting will be in April.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)

No updates to share.

Environmental Management Committee (EMC)

Jen reported that May 2nd is the county cleanup day.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Bank Account- Since M&T Bank closed their local bank branch late last spring, the district has been utilizing a check scanner to do deposits. Unfortunately, the nearest branch is nearly one hour away. Terry moved to open a checking account at NBT Bank to deposit cash and be able to withdraw cash to replenish petty cash and cash for the tree sale day. Joe seconds the motion. No further discussion - 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Vehicle- With two interns this summer and only two vehicles in the District Fleet, John made the motion to purchase a new vehicle consistent with the procurement policy. Raymond seconded the motion. No further discussion - 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passed unanimously.

Lease UTV / Side-By-Side- John moved to lease a UTV this summer for use by and to meet the needs of the Buffer Steward Interns for the maintenance of the buffers. Lease period not to exceed 6 months. Joe seconded the motion. No further discussion - 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Trailer- John moved to purchase a trailer for use of district field operations. Not to exceed \$2,000. Terry seconded the motion. No further discussion - 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passed unanimously.

District Reorganization-

Chairperson	John Lawrence
Vice Chairperson	Joe Henninge
Secretary/Treasurer	Katy Kemmeren
Fish & Wildlife Management Board Rep	William Kelsey
Upper Susquehanna Coalition Rep	Jennifer Kelly
Upper Susquehanna Coalition Alt	Riley Krupitza
Official Newspaper	The Evening Sun
Monthly Board Meeting Date/Time	Third Thursday at 1pm (unless otherwise stated)
Environmental Management Council	Sue McIntyre

Terry moves to accept the reorganization as presented above, seconded by Raymond.
No further discussion - 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer