



CHENANGO COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting
4/16/2026 1:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Joseph Henninge Member at Large
Raymond Wakefield Legislative Rep
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 March were approved as presented. — Terry moved to approve, and Ray seconded the motion. No further discussion. There were five votes in favor. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Ray moved to approve the payment to Hanehan Family Dairy for the CRF Round 8 project in the amount of \$100,000. The proof of payment was presented to the board. James seconded the motion, no additional discussion, 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent. Motion carried.
The bids for the new vehicle were discussed. There were 5 bids, and the lowest bidder, Mohawk Chevrolet, was awarded the bid in the amount of \$29,428.87. The Equinox is expected to be received by the District, hopefully in mid-May. Terry moved to accept the bid for the Equinox; Raymond seconded the motion. 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent. Motion carried.
Terry moved to pay the March- April bills as presented. James seconded the motion. 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent. Motion carried.

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 provided a written report. (Attachment A)

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 B).

Jennifer has been working with NYSCDEA on an opportunity for statewide or regional training for new technicians. This “Boot Camp” would help technicians get off to a good start and offer training during a time of year when training sessions typically occur. There has been an opportunity for the Technician Training Committee to apply for a grant that could fund the training. Jennifer asked the board whether they would support her applying for the grant and having Chenango County serve as the point agency. Terry moved to allow Chenango County SWCD to be the lead agency for the grant. Raymond seconded the motion. 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

Jennifer gave a report on the 2026 USC retreat.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

Will reported that the bi-monthly meeting was last night and shared that there has been some legislative changes.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)

No updates to share.

Environmental Management Committee (EMC)

Sue reported that the clean-up date is scheduled for May 2nd, and they hope to have one sometime in the fall. The group is still working with Colgate students and are gathering information for future programs and what the community wants to see.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer