



Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
January 18th, 2024
1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

John Lawrence	Chairman
Josh Lathrop	Member

Agency Staff Present:

Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jacob Welsh	CCSWCD
Craig Brown	CCE-Chenango
Kareem Adeleke	USDA-NRCS

QUORUM WAS NOT MET TO CONDUCT AN OFFICIAL MEETING

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

No report provided, no one present.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

Craig reported that for the first time in a long time, Cornell is fully staffed. The new Agriculture in the Classroom educator started in December. Craig also reported that he is working with Nichole from the regional team to bring the "Basket to Pallet" educational program for farmers who want to send their products to market. Lastly, fair preparation is underway and the issue of vet check in is hopefully going to be addressed.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

Kareem joined the meeting at 1:25pm.

Kareem shared that they are working on ACT-NOW applications. ACT-NOW applications include Forest Management Plans, Comprehensive Management Plans and plans for High Tunnels. The deadline for this is tomorrow, January 19th. General EQIP will be acted on and that deadline will be February 16th. Lastly, Kareem reported that there were not many Conservation Stewardship Project applications.

Kareem left after his report at 1:34pm

Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)

No report provided, no one present.

Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)

Jennifer read her provided report. Attachment A. Discussion on Cook Park project.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

Jennifer provided a written report. Attachment B.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

Jacob reported that there was a meeting last night. Provided report Attachment C.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Frontier internet is no longer serving the needs of the district. Jennifer has spoken with Spectrum and Craig mentioned that CCE has recently switched and has a reliable local contact for service. Craig will send Jen contact information to get in contact with the local provider of Spectrum.

Correspondence: NYACD invoice, letter from Suffolk County SWCD, donation letter from Chenango County Fair, Northeast Association of Conservation Districts letter and Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees letter were all discussed. No motion could be made on these due to lack of quorum.

Meeting ended at 3:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer