



CHENANGO COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting
11/20/2025 1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

John Lawrence	Legislative Rep
Joseph Henninge	Member at Large
Sue McIntyre	Legislative Rep
Jim Jenne	Grange Rep
Terry Ives	Chenango Co Farm

Agency Staff Present:

Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
William Kelsey	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Scott Fickbohm	NYS SWCC

Guests In Attendance:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from October were approved as presented — Sue moved to approve, and Joe seconded the motion. There were five votes in favor, with no objections. Consequently, the motion was adopted.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The bills were presented, and Joe motioned to approve their payment as submitted. Jim seconded the motion—five in favor, with no opposition. The motion was thereby approved.

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 shared the SWCC monthly 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.

A discussion took place about the upcoming Legislative Days in February, organized by NYACD and hosted in collaboration with the New York State Farm Bureau.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

No updates to share.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

No updates to share.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) / Environmental Management Committee (EMC)

No updates to share.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

AEM 2026-2030 Strategic Plan - Jennifer circulated the preliminary version of the strategic plan. Board members conducted a review of the document. The plan is scheduled for submission to the state by December 31st.

Resolution 5-25 – Authorizing the participation of the Chenango County Soil & Water Conservation District in the Climate Resilient Farming Grant Program. John reviewed the resolution, Sue motioned to accept it, and Terry Ives seconded the motion. There were five votes in favor, with no votes opposed. The motion is hereby approved.

Letter to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul - Terry proceeds to accept, sign, and transmit the letter, which has been drafted and signed by Chairman Lawrence, to Ms. Kathy Hochul. Sue seconded the motion. There were five votes in favor, with no votes against. The motion is therefore approved — see attachment C.

Letter to New York State and Local Retirement System – Joe proceeded to accept, sign, and dispatch the letter, which had been drafted and signed by Chairman Lawrence, to the NYSLRS office. Terry seconded the motion. There were five votes in favor, with no opposition. The motion is hereby adopted—see attachment D.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer