



Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
February 15th, 2024
1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

John Lawrence	Chairman
Josh Lathrop	Member
Jim Jenne	Member
Sue McIntyre	Member
Joe Henninge	Member

Agency Staff Present:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Sue made a motion to approve the December minutes. Josh seconds the motion. No discussion. 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passes.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS Sue made a motion to pay the bills for December, January, and February. Josh seconds the motion. No discussion. 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passes.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

No report provided, no one present.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

Craig reported that they lost a SNAP-Ed staff member yesterday and are hoping to fill the position again soon. The new agriculture census is out and 21% of farms have been lost in the last 10 years, yet production is up.

Craig left after his report at 1:18pm.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

Eric reported EQIP deadline is extended two weeks to February 29th. ACT-NOW is funding 5 producers' projects include agriculture energy audits and high tunnels.

Eric left the meeting at 1:24pm.

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.

Sue moves to transfer \$35,365.75 from Part C to District Savings Account for 2023 billed time for landowner technical assistance program. Josh seconds. No discussion. 5-aye 0-nay, 0-absent. Motion passes.

Jennifer shared that a representative from Genegantslet Lake has contacted her about the Community Fund Program. The lake association is a 501(C)7 and is not a not-for organization. The board determined that this potential applicant to be ineligible for the Community Grant Funding Program.

The board reviewed the Chenango County AEM BMP Prioritization Application for the upcoming funding pool. Jennifer will use this application to field interest and rank projects.

Jennifer distributed the Chenango SWCD Payment Policy & Procedural Guidelines for Director's for Review.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

Jennifer provided a written report. Attachment B.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

Jacob reported that there was a meeting next week.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cook Park – Discussion on Cook Park. Jennifer will draft a MOU to send to the County to move forward with RFP to contractors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town of Guilford — Sue bought forward a project that the Town of Guilford has and the circumstance that the town has been put in. Sue asked for the board's support in the assistance with the engineering design assistance with the cold storage facility.

John moved to support the development of engineering plans for the Town of Guilford for highway equipment. Joe seconds. 4-aye 0-nay 0-absent 1-abstain (McIntyre). Motion passes.

Fish & Wildlife Landowner Rep – The Board of Supervisors office has been in contact with Jennifer about the landowner recommendation for the fish and wildlife board. The board has no recommendations now.

Correspondence: None

Meeting ended at 3:51pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer