



CHENANGO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Director's Meeting

October 17th, 2024

1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

John Lawrence	Chair
Sue McIntyre	Member
Jim Jenne	Member
Joe Henninge	Member

Agency Staff Present:

Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jacob Welsh	CCSWCD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Joe moved to approve the minutes. Jim seconds. 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent. Motion passed

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Joe moved to approve the bills as presented. Jim seconded. 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

No report provided, no one present.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

No report provided, no one present.

Soil and Water Conservation Committee (SWCC)

Scott sent the monthly SWCC report.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

No report provided, no one present.

Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)

No report provided, no one present.

Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)

Jennifer provided a written report, Attachment A.

There was discussion about EQIP projects that the District are involved with.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

Jennifer provided a written report, Attachment A.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

Nothing to report.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Part B- There was discussion on the 2025 Part B project. Sue moves to accept the Part B application as presented for the Urban Forestry Project. Jim seconded the motion. 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent.

There was discussion on possible 2026 Part B projects.

SWCC FOIL Training- Jennifer shared the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee FOIL training presentation to the board and staff in attendance. There was a discussion about the recent request, how it was handled and how future requests will be processed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County sent along their annual meeting invitation.

The meeting ended at 3:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Submitted by Jennifer Kelly

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- ❖ Met with a landowner and the Otsego County SWCD to look at a stream issue in the Town of Unadilla.
- ❖ The district completed a project with the USC to build an access road at the Greenway Conservancy's 3 Amigo Project site. This road will enable the district to conduct more mowing and maintenance at the site.
- ❖ The Town of Guilford completed the bank stabilization project on Hohreiter Road as part of their SWCD Community Grant fund project.
- ❖ The Chenango Greenway and the Genegantslet Lake Association are underway with their SWCD Community Grant projects. The Greenway Conservancy hired Keystone Associates to begin designing the stormwater management project at their parking area on Wheeler Ave in Norwich. The Genegantslet Lake Association is working with two engineers on their dam project, James Woight and Don Lake.

AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

- ❖ The District continues to work with NRCS to implement 4 EQIP contracts. These contracts also have state funding associated with them, all manure storages.
 - Town of Afton farmer – the District conducted a bid opening and awarded the project to Payne Construction, from Eaton NY. The project will begin next spring as we are still waiting for NRCS to complete their cultural resource review for the project.
 - Town of Oxford farmer- Awaiting design functional review from NRCS
 - Town of Coventry farmer – We met with the farmer and NRCS to discuss project feasibility. The farm is now in the process of updating their CNMP plan with a new CNMP planner.
 - Town of Oxford farmer – Awaiting design functional review from NRCS.
- ❖ District participated in a tree planting event at the Friends of Rogers with students from Norwich CSD and Sherburne CSD. We planted about 30 trees and shrubs in the lawn adjacent to the stone house on Route 80.

- ❖ The District completed an ag bag pad for a farmer in the Town of Bainbridge.
- ❖ The District completed a design for Animal Trails and Walkways for a farm in the Town of New Berlin. The farmer received a bid and will be installing it this November. *Funding through The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.*
- ❖ District staff have been busy certifying cover crops this month. About 1,000 acres have been verified so far out of the 2,800 acres contracted for this fall.
- ❖ District staff is assisting a farmer in the Town of Unadilla with installing some tile drainage and grading and shaping existing ditches. We are currently waiting for NRCS to complete a Wetland and HEL determination.
- ❖ District staff is currently working on sending out our Buffer Maintenance reports to our CREP participants using the data collected from our summer buffer steward.

DISTRICT FUNDING AND OPERATIONS

- ❖ District staff attended the Conservation Skill Workshop held in Auburn, NY. Classes were held mostly in the field with a wide range of topics including; silvopasture, forestry practices, stream assessments, tree identification, farm equipment, and estimating soil loss.
- ❖ The Climate Smart Resilient proposal that was submitted last June to the Soil and Water Conservation Committee was successful and we were awarded funding. We are now working on gathering the necessary materials for the plan of work.
- ❖ The Part B Special Project funding request is due to the SWCC on November 1.
- ❖ The District is currently working to update our profile and information over to NYS new state funding system. This system is a replacement from the "old" Grants Gateway. Our information must be updated for us to develop a contract with DEC for the WQIP funding. This funding was awarded to the District to support our hydroseeding activities.
- ❖ The 2025 SWCD DRAFT Plan of Work is also due November 1 to SWCC.

DISTRICT SALES & PROGRAMS

- ❖ District Staff are working on the Tree & Shrub Program Sale order form. ***All dates tentative***
 - Forms scheduled to be mailed during the last week of December 2024.
 - Orders due to district March 25, 2025.
 - Tree Nursery Pick Up April 21, 2025.
 - Customer Pick Up April 25, 2025.
- ❖ CNY Regional Envirothon Committee will be meeting next week to discuss next year's event.
- ❖ New York State Envirothon will be May 28 & 29 at SUNY Cortland.