



Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
August 18th, 2022
1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

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

Agency Staff Present:

Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Alana Covington	

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July minutes were approved as presented.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The July-August bills were approved as presented.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

No one present, no report provided.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

No one present, no report provided.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Alana reported that Lena moved to Missouri and the current fill in is Scott Travis and they are awaiting to hear when the position will be officially filled. CSP deadline is September 2nd, and the program is behind schedule. EQIP deadline was Aug 12th and there were 9 applications in Chenango. CRP- Grasslands plans need to be written and the WRE field visits with the biologist are being scheduled.

Farm Service Agency

No one present, no report provided

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Jen read the SWCD report with pictures, attachment A.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Nothing to report

Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Jacob will be attending the meeting tonight.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue called in at 2:01pm during new business.

Cyber Liability Insurance: Sue moves to renew the cyber liability insurance with Coalition. This company offered the better deal both coverage wise and price wise.

4-aye 0-nay 1-absent (Jenne). Motion Passes

Correspondence: None

Adjourn: 2:46pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

ATTACHMENT A

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CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- Riverside Dairy, Town of Pitcher, has begun the earthwork for the manure storage. Payne Construction from Earlville is the general contractor. This project was *funded by the NYS CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer Program*.
- Harold Anderson, Town of Coventry - Construction has begun on the Wylie Brook as part of his stream restoration and riparian forest buffer project. The Upper Susquehanna Wetland/Stream team has been busy putting in rock rip rap and weirs. The project scope also includes the removal of an old concrete bridge abutment and stream realignment. *Funded through NYS Climate Resilient Farming Program & the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*.
- District Staff hydroseeded a disturbed area adjacent to a municipal well for the Town of Guilford. The total area was about 2 acres.
- District Staff continue to conduct status reviews on expiring CREP contracts for NRCS.
- Riparian Forest Buffer Maintenance is ongoing. All the sites have been mowed at least once. We are now working through the sites again for a 2nd mowing and conducting maintenance activities on tubes/stakes as well head into the fall.
- District staff developed planting plans and sent bids out to 2 additional riparian forest buffer sites in the County on behalf of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition. These 2 projects, Martin Road Buffer and the 3 Amigos Buffer, total 26.5 acres. We received the bids within the budget and planting will commence this fall.

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

- The District made the following field visits to landowners for technical assistance:
 - Rodney Schultes, Town of Guilford – Stream Permit Assistance
 - Joe Licata, Town of Guilford – Stream Permit Assistance
 - Echo Lake Association, Town of Smithville – Drainage issues
 - William Mottl, Town of New Berlin – Pond clarity issues
 - Rebecca Newton, Town of Norwich – stream permit assistance
 - Shawn Palmer, Town of Oxford – stream permit assistance
 - Landowner on Pigeon Hill Road, Town of Plymouth – drainage/pond issues.
 - Town of Oxford DPW – stream permit assistance

DISTRICT FUNDING & OPERATIONS

- The District returned a portion of unspent funds as part of the 2021 State Aid Part B project.
- We've sent two invoices out to NRCS for reimbursement on time spent conducting CREP status reviews and CREP planning. We hope to see paid invoices by the end of the federal fiscal year.

AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENTS

- Ivan Barkman- Bainbridge.

Wylie Brook Stream Restoration:



Crumbled Abutment:



New stream channel:



Riverside Dairy:

