



CHENANGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

1:00 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2023
USDA Conference Room, 99 North Broad St, Norwich NY

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Approval of Minutes.

Payment and Approval of Bills.

Report of Cooperating Agencies.

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| • Department of Environmental Conservation | Paul Romanenko |
| • Cornell Cooperative Extension | Craig Brown |
| • Natural Resources Conservation Service | Kareem Adeleke |
| • Farm Service Agency | Brian Sheridan |
| • Soil and Water Conservation District | Jennifer Kelly |
| • Upper Susquehanna Coalition | Jennifer Kelly |
| • Fish & Wildlife Management Board | Jacob Welsh |
| • Water Quality Coordinating Committee | |

Old Business.

New Business.

- NYCLASS- New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System
- Annual Action Plan
- Part B- Conservation Project Financial Assistance

Adjourn.



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1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

John Lawrence	Chairman
Susan McIntyre	Member
James Jenne	Member

Agency Staff Present:

Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Jacob Welsh	CCSWCD
Destiny Teachout	CCSWCD
Robert DeClue	CCSWCD

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 (NYS DEC)

No report provided, no one present.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

No report provided, no one present.

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. In addition to the written report, Jennifer also reviewed the changes to Part C-Performance Measures.

2023-2024 Health Insurance

Sue moved to continue with the employee health insurance plan for the new enrollment year. Seconded by James Jenne. 3-aye, 0-nay, 2-absent

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

Jacob provided a written report. Attachment B.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Correspondence: None

Adjourn: 4:24pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren
Recording Secretary/Treasurer

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CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- Hanehan Family Dairy, LLC – The contractor, again, set the date back to begin construction in late August. The construction of this pit will conclude all the CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer Program projects in the county. The district did receive an extension for the project with a new end date of 12/01/2024. We hope to complete the project by the end of this year. I did let the contractor know that I would like them to start as soon as possible.
- Perrin CREP project – The project is still on hold pending the finalization of the winterized room to house the pressure tank. After sending the certified letter to the landowner, they did major work on the room construction, however, they are still lacking some framing along the stairwell. The engineer is looking for that to be completed and he said he will sign off on the project once that is done. We have signed contracts for the tree planting and fence construction, so we are moving forward despite our close deadline. Staff laid out the fence locations yesterday so we can prioritize the brush management.
- Jim Staley Riparian Forest Buffer- The landowner has installed a new culvert for an animal crossing (on his own) and had electrical work completed for the well/pressure tank upgrade. He is currently trying to hunt down his contractor to install the system. Contracts are sign with the fencing and tree planting contractor. The fence work is scheduled for late August.
- The district has completed all the monitoring on our riparian forest buffer sites. According to the 2023 monitoring reports, our 10 CREP sites average a 78.4% survivability rate. These results are promising as the CREP contracts require a >60% survivability rate by the end of the contract.
 - Survivability analysis based on the year the sites were planted are:
 - Planted in 2018: 77% - (1 site replanted several times.), year 6 growth.
 - 2019: 74.5% survivability, year 5 growth
 - 2020: 72% survivability, year 4 growth
 - 2021: 82% survivability, year 3 growth
 - 2022: 78.5% survivability, year 1 growth (fall planted)
- The Chenango Greenway River Project
- Part C Community Grant Project Updates:
 - Marble Road-Town of Guilford
 - Plymouth Reservoir Lot Owner's Association – The project was sent out to re-bid, and they plan to open the bids and award the project. The previous low bid was over budget.
 - Vroman Hill Road, Oxford – District staff met with PAK construction, DPW, and Don Lynch to review the project and get a potential plan that may work.
- The District has facilitated 2 new CREP contracts for Dave Adsit, Town of Sherburne and Peter Constantinou, Town of New Berlin.

- 2 site visits have been made to landowners with interest in CREP and additional upland plantings. Town of Sherburne and North Norwich.

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

- The district met with the Village of Afton to look at a site for a new boat access. We are working with DEC and the Village to assist with a mussel survey.
- The District has been working closely with the Town of Smyrna Highway Department for culvert and headwall replacement. There are 3 sites we are currently working on and we have submitted permit information to the DEC for their review on one of the 3.
- Met with an engineer at Woodview Farm in the town of Greene to discuss a future manure storage.
- Met with Joe Licata – town of Chenango Forks to discuss NY Grown and Certified and funding opportunities
- Met with USC Stream Team and Harold Anderson to assess damage from recent storms to the stream stabilization project from fall 2022
- Met with a contractor to preform brush management at the Perrin Farm

DISTRICT FUNDING & OPERATIONS

- The District submitted a WQIP Rnd 19 grant submittal for additional funding to continue our hydroseeding program. We are requesting money to purchase supplies and cover our time.
- We will be presenting to the Ag Blds and Grounds committee for our budget appropriations at the September meeting.
- The SWCC has proposed changes to the Part C Performance Measures. As in the past, the changes usually reflect the addition of performance standards.





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Natural Resources:

- Trestle Pool: Construction and removal of the old railroad abutment are ongoing.
 - Flow rates reached 4,000 cfs – now in 3000s – typical base flow 185 cfs.

Lands and Forest:

- Comment period for Chenango UMP has closed, received 15 comments.
 - Board member requested to inform FWMB when comment periods are open.
- The hardwood timber market seems to be softening, though white ash is still getting top dollar.

ECO:

- > 5 Vacancies exist within region 7 alone – holding another academy in 2024 in Pulaski.

Wildlife:

- WMA Report – Young Forest Initiative

Fisheries:

- Trout Stream Verification – Chenango 2023
 - Push back from landowners who do not want their property on “Tacklebox.”
 - DEC is pulling back on the requirement that properties be advertised online.
 - Properties that allow public access receive trout stocked at that location.
 - Verbal Permission only = No stocking
- Friday, August 25th noon – 5 : Family Fish Day at NYS Fair.
 - No fishing license is required, and loaner rods are available too.

New R7 Director Dereth Glance:

- MICRON: New chip factory in Onondaga County taking a lot of staff time
- Will be reaching out to local officials to hear comments or concerns.
- Bond Act: Listening sessions ongoing for how the money should be spent.
 - Projects must have a lifespan of at least 10 years.
- New address in Syracuse: 5786 Widewaters Parkway, Syracuse, NY 13214

Conservation Council:

- Bobcat Management Plan to be updated (NYSDEC)
- DEC/ESF study on effect of West Nile disease on Ruffed Grouse
- Bass Fishing Tournaments: “NY now considered a MECA”
 - DEC concerns include excess stress on fish – hope all go to catch, weigh, release.
 - DEC will control registration and control and tournament regulations.
- Non-Modified crossbow permit – May use crossbow all archery season with physician signature to disability.
- Currently there is a bill out to oppose all hunting competitions.
- 9/23 – 9/24: Sportsman Day – Carpenters Brook
- New background check for ammo purchases in effect September 2023 (13th)
 - Cost: \$2.50 for ammo - \$9 for firearms
 - NYSP control – Systematic bugs? Time?

September 23, 2023 – National Hunting and Fishing Day