



Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
January 20, 2022
1:00 PM

District Board Members Present Virtually:

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

Agency Staff Present Virtually:

Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Jacob Welsh	CCSWCD
Ken Smith	CCE Chenango
Alana Covington	USDA-NRCS
Brian Sheridan	USDA-FSA

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

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The December-January bills were approved as presented.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

No one present, no report provided.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Ken updated the group on some dairy farms that are looking to transition out of dairy and what opportunities that they have.

Josh joined the meeting at 1:10pm

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Alana reported that there are 38 applications in Chenango County that she is working on and that rankings will happen in March.

Farm Service Agency

Brian reported that FSA is working on this year's Dairy Margin Coverage sign up for 2022. The deadline to sign up for dairy farmers is February 18, 2022.

Brian Sheridan left after his report.

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Jen read the SWCD report, see Attachment A.

Josh left the meeting due to an internet connection issue during the SWCD report.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Jennifer report that there are funds thru the USC from the Arbor Day Foundation that will pay for trees that the district plants. Funding is available to anyone who wants to plant trees, there are no requirements on the location of where the trees will be planted.

Jennifer also reported that the USC sent out the requirements for our QA/QC reporting. This reporting is to help keep the Chesapeake Data base updated. It looks like there will be 15 farms in Chenango County that will need a field visit. The Upper Sus will be paying the District \$1,000 per farm to make these updates and we will have a contact for those funds.

The District will be, once again, participating in the Summer Intern Buffer Program. We are looking to have 1 Summer Intern this summer.

Delaware County conducted a study on herbicide treatment after the tree plantings happened. It's still too early to determine if the treatment is beneficial or not.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Nothing to report.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Part C 2022– Jennifer will put together an RFP for the next board meeting for future projects that could be considered. There was discussion about Cook Park and what projects are in mind for 2022. The District will also contribute another \$30,000 from the 2022 Part C funds to Cook Park Funds.
 - Sue moved to set the contribution rate for 2022 Part C (Non-SWCD) Projects to be 75% (district)-25%(county). In-kind services may also be used at match. Joe seconded.
4-aye 0-nay 1-absent (Lathrop) Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ 2022 Budget– Sue moves to adopt the presented budget for 2022. John seconds.
4-aye 0-nay 1-absent (Lathrop)

Correspondence: None

Adjourn: 2:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

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CURRENT PROJECTS & STATUS

- Happy Valley Farm Waste Storage and Transfer Project: The final closeout with Ag & Markets of CAFO WSTP was completed in December.
- Richard Baldwin Riparian Forest Buffer Project: The contractor completed the drop inlet and rip rap at the two outlets of a farm pond in December. Don Lynch, Oneida County SWCD certified the practice. *Town of Lincklaen, funding from the NYS Climate Resilient Farming and the USC.*
- Steve Perrin CREP Project: The District received the stamped design for Steve Perrin's well and watering system from Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District. *Town of Sherburne.*
- Corey Wolford CREP Project: The District has completed the necessary documents for contract development at the Wolford Farm, *Town of Smithville.* This project is a riparian forest buffer project.
- John Davidson CREP Project: The District has completed the necessary documents for contract development at the Davidson Farm, *Town of Sherburne.* This project is a riparian forest buffer project.
- The District is assisting a private planner with a grazing plan for Mike Hoffelder, *Town of Norwich.*
- The District met with Melissa Yearick from the USC Wetland Team and members of the Greenway Conservancy to look at a possible wetland enhancement project in the *Town of Norwich.*

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

- District Staff met with John Cappella, Town of McDonough, to assist him with applying for a stream disturbance permit. We will also be submitting an application to the Trees for Tributaries to assist the stream project with tree and shrub planting at this site.

DISTRICT FUNDING & OPERATIONS

- Our two new District Technicians started on January 3, 2022. Please join me in welcoming Riley Krupitza and Jacob Welsh to the Chenango County Soil and Water.
- As part of our State Funding Package, the District has been working on completing year end reports. Several reports are due to Ag and Markets by February 15. The completed reports will be uploaded and accessible to the Director's on the District's SharePoint page. These include:
 - Part A Eligible Expenditures Report
 - Hourly Rates for Grant Work
 - Part B-Conservation Project Final Report
 - Part C- Financial Assistance Project Final Report
 - 2021 District Annual Report
 - Performance Measure Evaluation for Conservation Financial Assistance
 - 2021 Annual Report of the Treasurer.

- Year 16 Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) final reports are due on February 28. This includes the final reports for Technical Assistance funding and for projects completed under the Tier 4 implementation track.
- The District will also be applying to the USC for buffer steward funding again this year. This application is due February

CNY REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

- The Envirothon committee schedule the next Envirothon for April 20, 2022 at the Friends of Rogers Environmental Center in Sherburne. We expect to have a smaller than “normal” event this year.

DISTRICT SALES

- Tree & Shrub Sale
 - It's still early in the year for the tree sale but as of today, sales are up 33% over last year, currently. The nursery costs increased slightly, and our prices had to reflect that cost increase.

AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENTS

- Jeffrey Johnston- Town of Pharsalia
- Brian Leopold- Town of Bainbridge
- Jeffrey Dean- Town of Bainbridge
- Brian Phetteplace- Town of Oxford
- George Westcott- Town of Coventry
- George Lott- Town of Greene
- Susan Madva- Town of Greene
- Christopher Price- Town of Greene
- Mills Farm Supply- Town of Greene
- Jay Ingerto- Town of Smyrna
- Susan Padva- Town of Guilford
- David Williams- Town of Smithville
- Eric Bender- Town of Guilford
- Michael Mavrode- Town of Plymouth
- Robert Flanagan- Town of Greene

Total Ag Acres - 675