



**Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting**

July 21st, 2022

1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

Joe Henninge	Acting Chairperson
Sue McIntyre	Member
Josh Lathrop	Member
Jim Jenne	Member

Agency Staff Present:

Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Ken Smith	CCE-Chenango

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

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

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

No one present, no report provided.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Ken discussed the building security and parking lot updates with the board.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

No one present, no report provided.

Farm Service Agency

No one present, no report provided

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Jen read the SWCD report, attachment A.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Jen reported that the next USC meeting will be held in August.

Sue arrived at 1:38pm

Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Nothing to report.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Health Insurance Renewal-** Katy will contact the Health Insurance agent on her availability to set a meeting up with the board to discuss the renewal options. August 4th at 2pm there will be a Zoom meeting to discuss.
- ❖ **Ag Assessment Worksheets (Soil Group Worksheets)-** Sue moves to increase the cost of a Soil Group Worksheet from \$20 to \$30 with no difference between a “New” or “Revised” Worksheet. Effective 9-1-2022. 4-aye, 0-nay, 1-absent (Lawrence). Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Joe moves to executive session to discuss the probationary period of 2 employees, seconded by Sue at 2:29pm. 4-aye 0-nay 1-absent. Motion carried.

At 2:46pm Sue moved to go back to open meeting, seconded by Jim. Motion carried

Adjourn: 2:46pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren
Recording Secretary/Treasurer

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CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- The District's two buffer stewards have been conducting maintenance and monitoring at 2 large buffer sites this month:
 - Roodenburg CREP – Town of Lincklaen
 - Baldwin CREP – Town of Lincklaen
- In addition to buffer maintenance and monitoring, the stewards and staff conducted the first aquatic macrophyte survey to monitor for aquatic invasive species at:
 - Cook Park-Town of Greene
 - Balsam Swamp – Town Pharsalia
 - Chenango Lake – Town of New Berlin
 - Millbrook Site 2 – Town of New Berlin
 - Long Pond – Town of Smithville
- We have received three bids sent out last month for the buffer plantings this fall. The bids look good, and we should be moving forward with awarding the jobs shortly.
- Cheshire Valley Farm in the Town of Oxford has completed their diversion ditch cleanout project, funded by AEM Rnd. 17 implementation. We are going to move forward with payment and practice certification once we receive a bill.
- Construction on Riverside Dairy's Earthen Manure Storage Project has begun. Town of Pitcher. Funded through the CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer Program.
- The District, the USC and Tioga County SWCD conducted a pre-construction meeting with Harold Anderson to discuss work timeline, scope, and contractual details. The USC

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

- The District made the following field visits to landowners for technical assistance:
 - Al Bidwell – New Pond, test pits
 - Dennis Agren – Stream Permit
 - Matt Prowrie – Existing Pond cleanout
 - Rodney Schultes – Stream Permit
- The District assisted the Town of Pitcher DPW with getting a permit from DEC to replace a 3' culvert with an 8' culvert on Will Warner Road.

DISTRICT FUNDING & OPERATIONS

- The District developed a presented a few project spotlights to the USC Riparian Forest Buffer Task Force. The projects selected were CREP funded and contracted projects. Many Counties within the USC do not implement or participate in CREP, and the District was asked to present on the success of the program in the County.
- We are working on developing invoices to USC for the QA/QC activities on the AEM database as well as invoicing for time spent on the CRP status reviews and planning. The district will be reimbursed for this work as per our contribution agreement with USC and NRCS.

DISTRICT SALES

- Fall fish sale is tentatively scheduled for September 30th. Waiting for a confirmation from the fish hatchery.

AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENTS

- Donald Graves (New Berlin), Ralph Felter (Plymouth), Kegan Levesque (Norwich), Joe Wells (Greene) & Philip Stoutenburg (Bainbridge)