



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

District Board Members Present:

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

Agency Staff Present:

Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Jacob Welsh	CCSWCD
Alana Covington	NRCS

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

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The September-October bills were approved as presented.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

No one present, no report provided.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Alana provided written report, Attachment A.

Farm Service Agency

No one present, no report provided

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Jen read the SWCD report with pictures, Attachment B.

Sue joined the meeting at 1:20pm during the SWCD report.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Jennifer mentioned that there is a meeting next week.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Jacob mentioned that there is a meeting tonight.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Health Insurance will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Directors Audit: The annual director's budget will be held after today's meeting. Lawrence, Lathrop, and Henninge

2023 Part B: Sue moves to accept the 2023 Part B proposal. The proposal is for Chenango SWCD to hydroseed roadside ditches and highly erodible areas. Jim Jenne seconded

5aye, 0-nay, 0-absent- motion moved

2023 Plan of Work: Sue moves to adopt the annual plan of work. John Lawrence seconded the motion

5aye, 0-nay, 0-absent- motion moved

Correspondence: None

Adjourn: 2:29pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer



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DATE: October 20, 2022

SUBJECT: NRCS Report

FROM: Alana Covington, District Conservationist

TO: Chenango District Board Report

I. Farm Bill Programs

- BCCT Team, SE Team 2- total of 40 FY2022 contracts: 18 Chenango, 8 Broome, 6 in Tioga, 8 in Chemung.
- NRCS is extending the deadline for practices that are eligible for Coronavirus Agricultural Relief Payments (CARPs) through December 31, 2022. These will be added to payments for existing contracts by Area Program Specialists (APSs) to eligible participants for practices completed by December 31, 2022, according to guidance provided by NHQ.
- EQIP & AMA application cutoff is November 4, 2022.
- Deadline for CSP participants to let us know which calendar year they would like their payment is October 28, 2022. Deadline to approve calendar year 2022 payment requests December 16, 2022.

II. Food Security Act (FSA) Compliance Reviews

- FSA Compliance Reviews are due November 30, 2022.

III. Other

- Alana Covington, Resource Conservationist, from the Norwich F.O. was selected as the new District Conservationist in Binghamton, NY. Her official start date was September 25, 2022.
- Dave Mortenson's, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations (ASTC-FO), last day is November 4, 2022.

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CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- Riverside Dairy, Town of Pitcher, earthen manure storage project is still under construction. The liner, road, ramps and agitation pad are complete. The one item that remains is the fencing at the site. The engineer was out to the site on October 18 to check on progress. *Project funding provided by the NYS CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer Program.*
- Harold Anderson, Town of Coventry – Final construction is still pending on the willow planting and forest buffer planting. The tree planting contractor is scheduled to begin planting during the week of October 31. *Funded through NYS Climate Resilient Farming Program & the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.*
- Davidson Forest Buffer Project, Town of Sherburne – Brush management is complete on the project for the areas scheduled for planting. The same contractor is scheduled to begin planting during the week of October 31.
- Perrin CREP project, Town of Sherburne – Construction of the livestock watering system has begun. The well driller installed the well and we are currently waiting for the contractor to come back to install the pump, pressure tank, water line, and frost-free hydrant. *Project funded through NYS Agricultural Environmental Management Program and the Conservation Reserve Program.*
- District Staff hydroseeded a newly installed road and parking area constructed in the Town of Norwich. This was to assist the Chenango Greenway with the development of a parking area for the Stone Quarry property. Additionally, the District hydroseeded a small area along a stream rip rap project for the Town of Oxford.
- District staff have been busy certifying cover crops for the 2022 growing season. To date, we have 1600 acres with 10 farmers participating.
- Part B Special Project- The District, in cooperation with the Norwich Tree Commission, purchased 22 street trees from a nursery in Cazenovia. Additionally, District staff assisted the commission and other volunteers to plant and mulch the trees on Friday, October 14, 2022.
- Part C Projects-
 - The District met with the project engineers and County DOH, to determine how to revise the project to decrease the total cost. During the meeting, the group also reviewed plans for sizing the septic system.

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

- The District is currently developing a grazing plan and CREP riparian forest buffer plan for implementation in 2023, Town of Columbus.

DISTRICT FUNDING & OPERATIONS

- District staff gave a budget presentation to the Ag, Buildings and Grounds Committee on September 20, 2022.
- District administrative staff attended a 2-day training conference in Syracuse, NY. Topics discussed at the training included;
- District technical staff attended a week-long training conference in Cortland, NY.
- District staff are scheduled to meet next week with NRCS staff to obtain Job Approval Authority for NRCS Specification 612, Tree and Shrub Establishment and NRCS 314, Brush Management. This will allow District staff to sign off on these practices for both NRCS projects and NYS Ag and Mkts funded projects.
- 2023 Part B Request
- 2023 Plan of Work

CNY REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

- Chenango District staff met with Madison and Onondaga Counties last week to discuss the 2023 Regional Event. The staff member from Onondaga started this past spring so much of the meeting was explaining what the event is and how it happens. A date has been set for April, hoping to confirm that the date works for Rogers Center in Sherburne.

DISTRICT SALES

- Trees have been ordered and confirmed by our supplier. We are hoping to confirm with the fairgrounds for the use of the building in April for storing, sorting and distribution of trees.

AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENTS

- Pam Smith- Town of Bainbridge; Betty Lee- Town of Bainbridge & Oxford; Vincens Gjonaj- Town of Bainbridge; Kyle Jones- Town of Plymouth; James Mullen- Town of New Berlin; Indian Camp Farm- Town of Sherburne; Carol Hoyt- Town of Afton; Kenneth Birdsall- Town of Afton; Thomas Burford- Town of Bainbridge.