

**Minutes Of The Wayne County Soil & Water
Conservation District Board Of Directors**

**Regular Meeting – February 19, 2014
SWCD Office, Lyons, NY, 14489**

Directors:

Steve Brownell
Bill Hammond
Bob VanLare
Steve LeRoy
Tom Caprilla

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort

NRCS:

Bill Jones

Guests:

Victor DiGiacomo, State Rep
Pat VanLare

FSA:

Absent

Call to order @ 9:10

A MOTION was made to suspend the orders of the day by B. Hammond seconded by S. LeRoy; carried.

Bob VanLare at this time spoke about his trip to California representing NYACD, see attached addendum.

Approval of the Agenda

- No Additional Topics

Acknowledgement of Guests

Victor DiGiacomo State Representative joined us again this month. See attached addendum for report from V. DiGiacomo.

Operational Business

- **A MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the January Meeting by B. VanLare second by B. Hammond; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the January Special Meeting by B. Hammond second by B. VanLare; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the treasurer's report by B. Hammond seconded by S. LeRoy; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the bill's to be paid for February 2014 by S. LeRoy seconded by T. Caprilla; carried.

Bid Opening & Award Decision

Two (2) bids were received by the Board in the amounts of \$9,000.00 and \$7,502.00 for the Chevrolet Trailblazer. The Board after discussion decided to award the sale to the bidder of \$9,000.00.

A MOTION was made to accept Ron Thorn's offer on the 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer in the amount of \$9,000.00 to be sold as is with the surplus of equipment finalized by February 28, 2014 by B. Hammond seconded by T. Caprilla; carried.

Report from NRCS

See attached addendum.

Report from FSA

No Report

Transfer Agreement Ag NPS Round 17

L. Gerstenslager advised the Board that she has received the transfer agreement document concerning the sale of a farm that is in the Round 17 Ag NPS Grant. This is an extensive agreement outlining the conservation practices that have been put in place and must be maintained during the Grant period.

A MOTION was made to authorize Chairman Steve Brownell and District Manager Lindsey Gerstenslager to sign the Jones/Martin agreement by B. Hammond seconded by S. LeRoy; carried.

Report from Staff-Ron Thorn

R. Thorn stated that he had just returned from NYACD Lobby Days and on Monday Evening he attended a presentation where Richard Ball was the speaker. On Tuesday he spoke with Representatives from Assemblyman Oak's office concerning the budget especially pertaining to Ag NPS, AEM, Invasive Species and Waterfront. Then he spoke with Senator Nozzolio about Agriculture, Digesters, Fishing, and Invasive Species. (In all a very informative couple of days.)

R. Thorn talked about the 2014 Envirothon that Wayne County SWCD will be hosting at the Montezuma Audubon Center on April 23rd. He is working with Intern Steph Schroeder and Maxine Appleby to outline this event and encourage school participation. Volunteers are needed for this day.

L. Gerstenslager stated that continuing efforts are being made to involve the local schools. L. Gerstenslager also advised the Board she has been asked to speak at the Minnowbrook Municipal Conference during this time but will work around the Envirothon schedule.

A MOTION was made to authorize District Manager, Lindsey Gerstenslager to attend the Minnowbrook Municipal Conference, April 22-24 to speak on invasive species education, eradication and community economic development efforts by B. Hammond seconded by S. LeRoy; carried.

R. Thorn advised the group that the State has released the information for Ag NPS Round 20 and WCSWCD is aggressively approaching this with 6 applications covering 11 farms. Ron handed out a GIS map that highlighted these farms and then proceeded with a slide presentation of the actual farms and what the applications would be used for.

- Ganargua Creek Lower
 - Eckert; barnyard & pasture
 - Raes; barnyard & diversion
- Erie Canal West
 - DeMay; Small Dairy in Round 19, needs barnyard
 - Ramph; diversion, heavy use area, pad & fuel containment system
- Port Bay/Wolcott Creek
 - Youngman; barnyard diversion
 - High; diversion
- Salmon Creek West
 - Eaton; heavy use pad, leachate, utilizes byproducts from Motts
 - Wilson

- Bear Creek
 - Craft; barnyard management & pasture
 - Westfall; DEC concerns, waste getting into water
- Sodus Creek/Bay
 - Marshall; manure storage
 - Humbert

A MOTION was made to move the Resolution Authorizing the District Manager to participate in the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program Round 20 by B. Hammond seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

SWCD Operational Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager

- Correspondence folder was passed around for all to see
- 2014 Harvester Procurement Plan
 - L. Gerstenslager advised the Board that two (2) bids were received for the new harvester, Alpha Boats was low bidder. L. Gerstenslager further explained that with the bid coming in lower than expected the additional monies needed (\$9,601) could be utilized from special projects. B. Hammond expressed concern of tying up too much money and asked about the sale of boat 1. L. Gerstenslager explained these figures do not include the sale of boat 1 and once sold money could be returned to special projects. B. VanLare inquired if there would be a contingency if late on delivery; L. Gerstenslager stated that she will be putting it in the contract.

A MOTION was made to award the Harvester Bid to Alpha Boats in the amount of \$114,515.00 with a contracted expected due date; contract authorization to be completed by Lindsey Gerstenslager, District Manager, so moved by S. LeRoy seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

- FLOWPA Lobby Days:
 - L. Gerstenslager stated that she recently attended FLOWPA Lobby Days which consisted of 2 days of running and 49 meetings. L. Gerstenslager further stated that she met with both Senator's and Assemblymen and in all was a very good trip with great networking opportunities.
- FLOWPA 10/11 Contract Closeout and funding re-appropriation

A MOTION was made to accept the closeout for the FLOWPA 10/11 contract and \$22,598.00 of the reimbursement funding be put in the General Savings to assist with future increases in health insurance and retirement (this is the amount that was spent on salaries during this grant contract) and the remains of the contract in the amount of \$15,652 be divided between the Vehicle Savings and the Harvester Savings (each receiving \$7,826.00), so moved by B. Hammond seconded by S. LeRoy; carried.

- WQS 2014
 - L. Gerstenslager reminded the Board that registration was due by Friday. She further informed the Board that on Tuesday and Thursday there would be good offerings for Board training.

- WQS-Class Prep with Hamilton SWCD (request for ½ mileage)

A MOTION was made to pay for half of L. Gerstenslager's mileage to go to Hamilton County SWCD to prepare for WQS marketing class as part of her contribution role to CDEA by B. Hammond seconded by T. Caprilla; carried.

- GLBC Contractor/Municipal Sediment & Erosion Control Class – March 27 CCE of Wayne
L. Gerstenslager encouraged the Board to attend this workshop as invitations will be sent to all Supervisors and highway Superintendents on this informative class.
- Farmer to Farmer Annual Dinner
L. Gerstenslager informed the Board that the Award for this year's Conservation Farm of the Year and Agriculture Steward of the Year will be presented at a dinner banquet sometime in March or early April (final arrangements to be made). B. Hammond made the suggestion of having the DEC provide a speaker on pesticides which in turn will go toward awarding points/credits to all with licenses. S. Brownell inquired who had won this year; L. Gerstenslager stated that Maple Lawn Farm had been chosen as the Conservation Farm of the Year and Chip and Carla Bailey as the Environmental Stewards of the Year.

A MOTION was made to sponsor the Farmer to Farmer Conservation Annual Dinner not to exceed \$2,500.00 which was budgeted for in 2014 as part of the AEM program for outreach and involvement by B. Hammond seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

- Critical Area Seeding Costs and Rates for Advertisements
These are getting ready to go out.
- March Board Meeting – Training Limited Business
L. Gerstenslager reminded the Board that the March Board Meeting will be District Law Training therefore will have limited business.

Other Business

- B. Hammond inquired about the Drainage Bids; L. Gerstenslager stated that they have been received and are started.
- L. Gerstenslager wanted to remind the board that the Tree Sale is underway.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2014 at 9 am at the SWCD Conference Room.

A MOTION was made to adjourn at 11:00 am by B. VanLare.