

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

**Regular Meeting – April 15, 2016  
Humbert Farms Rose NY**

**Directors:**

Mark Humbert  
Steve Olson  
Laurie Crane

**Absent:**

Bob VanLare  
Monica Deyo

**Guests:**

None

**Staff:**

Lindsey Gerstenslager  
Cathy Comfort  
Ron Thorn  
Terry Reynolds

**NRCS:**

Bill Jones, District Conservationist  
Greg Robinson

**FSA:**

Absent

**Call to order by Board Vice Chair M. Humbert @ 10:39 am**

**Approval of the Agenda**

- L. Gerstenslager added additional business at this time.

**Acknowledgement of Guests**

- None

**Operational Business**

- **A MOTION** was made to accept the minutes from the March 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting by S. Olson seconded by L. Crane; carried.  
L. Gerstenslager and C. Comfort spent a few minutes reviewing transfers with the board explaining that the monies transferred from special projects and general savings have been transferred back to the accounts as grant's have been closed and how this is all tracked thru QuickBooks.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the Treasurer's report for April 2016 by L. Crane seconded by M. Humbert; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the bill's to be paid for April 2016 by L. Crane seconded by S. Olson; carried.

**Report from NRCS**

See attached addendum.

**Report from FSA**

None

**Report from SWCC – AEA Victor DiGiacomo**

See attached addendum.

**SWCD Operational Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager**

- Correspondence folder –N/A

**SWCD Field Program Management-Ron Thorn**

- Ag NPS Round 22-R. Thorn spoke about the Ag NPS Rd 22 Grant process; 8 farms total, see attached breakdown.
- Climate Resiliency Farming-2 applications were submitted, Humbert and Marshall Farms. Marshall Farms was partially funded, no word yet on Humbert. Next year's funding will be increasing to 2 ½ million.
- Replacement position for AEM Technician-L. Gerstenslager explained to the board that she has talked to County Human Resources and the position can be filled provisionally until the test is offered. L. Gerstenslager also stated that she has been in contact with Drew Starkey (the previous intern) and he has shown an interest in returning and would like to be interviewed. The board agreed that the position needs to be advertised and opened for interviews.

**A MOTION** to fill the position of AEM Program Assistant was made by L. Crane seconded by S. Olson; carried.

- T. Reynolds gave the board an update of the projects he has been working on:
  - Olson-Ag NPS Rd 19 project is ready to start next week.
  - Raes- Ag NPS Rd 20 LGC quotes accepted project to start May/June.
  - Youngman- Ag NPS Rd 20 PB Barnyard Project to start June/July.
  - Westfall- AEM/NRCS Assisted; Waste Storage Facility completed.
  - Hohenboken- Ag NPS Rd 19 large project, trying to contact the landowner, have not been able to contact for past few months.
  - Eckert- Ag NPS Rd 19 on hold until next year.
  - High- Ag NPS Rd 20 PB changeover in operation holding over until next year.

**Old Business**

- Contract Agreement with Stony Brook University for NY Sea Grant Project: Port Bay- Received right before the breach.
- NY Certified Program-Special Meeting February 23-Update-See R. Thorn section.
- New York State Budget Final: Changes in Risk Management for District Future- attached.

**New Business**

- Port Bay East Barrier Bar Breach- on April 3<sup>rd</sup> a breach of 70 feet happened at Port Bay. L. Gerstenslager has been working with DEC on a permitting design to repair the breach as this is DEC property and the DEC has stringent guidelines which has been making the process difficult.

**Announcements**

- District Events for the month of April:
  - Ecosystem Based Management Approach to Soil Health: April 15, 2016
  - Envirothon, April 19th
  - Tree Sale –Pickup April 28-30
  - Fish Sale – Order Deadline April 26<sup>th</sup>; Pickup May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Other Business**

- Space Needs-L. Gerstenslager stated she will be meeting with B. Jones and the state representatives for future needs and restriction issues with the current location as NRCS and SWCD are both looking at adding staff within the next few months. L. Gerstenslager explained to

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the board that 2 years ago members of the past board went on a tour and observed how 3 different districts were designed to handle their requirements. L. Gerstenslager stated that she has been looking at alternatives including switching sides with FSA, renting the area that was vacated by Lyons National Bank, moving to County Space by Nye Road and even a demonstration house, she will follow up with the board as she knows more.

- Board Meeting Date/Time Change- L. Gerstenslager stated that she will be sending out a Doodle Poll to see everyone's availability for board meeting as she would like to make a date/time that is conducive to everyone's schedule.

**A MOTION** was made to adjourn at 12:40 pm by S. Olson.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2016 at 9 am.