

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

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

Directors:

Steve Brownell
Bill Hammond
Bob VanLare
Steve LeRoy
Tom Caprilla

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort

NRCS:

Jim LaGioia

Guests:

Victor DiGiacomo, State Rep
Pat VanLare
Dan Connors, Wayne County Attorney

FSA:

Absent

Call to order @ 9:00am

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

Bob VanLare at this time spoke on behalf of NYACD about why the District is not willing to pay the NACD dues. L. Gerstenslager questioned what the different levels are for as this is not clearly defined on the billing. L. Gerstenslager then stated that she would prefer to see the NYACD collect \$200 from each district on their annual billing and forward it on to NACD on behalf of all NYS Conservation Districts. It was also pointed out that every state has a different number of SWCDs and that the some states would contribute more merely due to the more active states. B. VanLare will take this suggestion back to NYACD.

B. VanLare would also like to thank the Board for sending him to the WQS Training and he and Pat prepared a report for reflection on what was learned to share.

Approval of the Agenda

- L. Gerstenslager would like to add approval of the FLOWPA 13/14 Contract.

A MOTION was made to support The District's participation in partnership with FLOWPA and the approval of the FLOWPA 13/14 contract, this motion was made by B. Hammond, seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

Acknowledgement of Guests

Victor DiGiacomo State Representative joins us again this month and will be conducting District Law Training later on in the meeting.

Wayne County Attorney Dan Connors entered the room at 9:05 am.

A MOTION was made to go into executive session accompanied by V. DiGiacomo and Atty. D. Connors to discuss a personnel matter at 9:05 am by B. Hammond seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

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A MOTION was made to resume operational meeting at 9:40 by B. Hammond.

Operational Business

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

Aquatic Harvester Offer

The District received two (2) offers on the 2003 Alpha Boats Unlimited "Hydro-Star" Harvester. An offer was made from Northeast for \$8,750.00 and an offer was made by the Town of Cazenovia in the amount of \$42,500.

A MOTION was made to accept the Town of Cazenovia's offer on the 2003 Aquatic Weed Harvester in the amount of \$42,500 to be sold as is with the surplus of equipment finalized by April 15, 2014, so moved by B. Hammond seconded by T. Caprilla; carried.

Report from NRCS

See attached addendum.

Report from FSA

No Report

Report from Staff-Scott DeRue

- Tree Sale-S. DeRue stated that we have 83 orders so far and this is a little behind last year, weather may be contributing factor. Most popular orders are Conifers, Fruit Shrubs and Barley Straw Rolls for Ponds. B. VanLare inquired where our bird houses were purchased and was told a Mennonite in Savannah. B. VanLare stated that at the WQS he learned some Districts had their local schools (BOCES) build them and wondered if this could be an option.
- Watershed Assessments-S. DeRue stated that he will be doing Red Creek West which is a tributary to Lower Garnargua Creek. S. DeRue will be sampling 16 sites he is currently doing the GIS mapping and planning on starting the sampling next month.
- Envirothon-S. DeRue explained to the Board that he has been asked to put together the aquatic section of this year's Envirothon and that is progressing well.

SWCD Operational Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager

- Correspondence folder was passed around for all to see
- 1988 UMI Trailer discussion as surplus of equipment-L. Gerstenslager stated to the Board that the Town of Cazenovia has also expressed interest in this trailer and the District is currently not using it as it is in need of repairs and the District has a functioning trailer.

A MOTION was made to declare the 1988 UMI Trailer as surplus equipment and advertise for sale as such by B. Hammond seconded by S. LeRoy; carried.

- GLBC Contractor/Municipal Sediment & Erosion Control Class-March 27, 2014 CCE of Wayne-L. Gerstenslager wanted to remind Board members of this class and encourage supervisors and highway personnel to sign up.

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- NYFB Lobby Days-S. LeRoy attended this event and stated that one of his main objectives was to support the bill that requires at least 20% of food items for state funded agencies are purchased in New York State to help support and sponsor local growers. Currently there are no restrictions where food items are purchased. L. Gerstenslager added that she went to the FLOWPA meeting, R. Thorn went to the NYACD meeting and S. LeRoy went to the NYFB so the District was well represented. L. Gerstenslager also stated that Assemblyman Oaks is interested in working with the District to obtain funding for grants.
- 2014 Envirothon in Wayne County & Trust and Agency Account- L. Gerstenslager informed the Board that this year's Envirothon is coming together nicely, at this time there are 4 teams and the event is to be held on April 23, 2014 at the Montezuma Audubon. L. Gerstenslager stated that two (2) speakers are still needed and suggestions would be welcomed. L. Gerstenslager explained to the Board that the top prizes will be in the form of scholarships and therefore a Trust & Agency Bank Account will need to be established for this purpose.

A MOTION was made to authorize the establishment of a Trust & Agency account for scholarship prize money for Wayne County Envirothon program beginning April 2014, so moved by B. Hammond seconded by T. Caprilla; carried.

- Ag NPS Round 20 applications- L. Gerstenslager informed the Board that R. Thorn is writing five (5) applications and she is writing one (1), the applications are due by March 31, 2014. The Board congratulated them on such an ambitious effort.

Special Business: District Law Training

- V. DiGiacomo conducted training on District Law Module 10. District Law is also available on the Web at SWCC and the NYS Assembly under SWC Law.
- V. DiGiacomo informed the Board that Part A monies should be received shortly (District received theirs March 21st), he also stated that Part B and Part C funding are due to be restored this year. V. DiGiacomo further stated that the current master contract for AEM is ending and next years will appear different.

Other Business

None

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2014 at 9 am at the SWCD Conference Room.

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