

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

**Regular Meeting –May 20, 2016
Conservation Offices
10 Leach Road Lyons NY 14489**

Directors:

Bob VanLare
Mark Humbert
Laurie Crane
Steve Olson
Monica Deyo

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort
Ron Thorn

NRCS:

Bill Jones, Resource Conservationist

Guests:

Pat VanLare
Vic DiGiacomo

FSA:

Absent

Call to order by Board Chair B. VanLare @ 9:07 am

Approval of the Agenda

- L. Gerstenslager added additional business at this time.

Acknowledgement of Guests

- Good Morning Pat & Vic

Operational Business

- **A MOTION** was made to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting by L. Crane seconded by S. Olson; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the Treasurer's report for May 2016 by L. Crane seconded by S. Olson; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the bill's to be paid for May 2016 by S. Olson seconded by M. Deyo; carried.

Report from NRCS

See attached addendum.

Report from FSA

None

Report from SWCC – AEA Victor DiGiacomo

See attached addendum.

M. Humbert entered the meeting at 9:50 am.

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A MOTION was made to suspend the orders of the day in order to expedite District Law Training required for Board Members by M. Humbert seconded by M. Deyo; carried.

Victor DiGiacomo conducted District Law Training with the full Board of Directors.

B. VanLare left the meeting at 11 am.

SWCD Operational Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager & Ron Thorn

- Correspondence folder –L. Gerstenslager highlighted a few of the major items including
 - Shoreline Conveyor Bid is out
 - Excellus rate increase
 - Cost Share Bunker Silo for review
- Climate Resiliency Farming-2 applications were funded, Humbert Farms and Marshall Farms.

A MOTION was made to approve Resolution 2016-CRF55.2 and 2016 CRF55.1 authorizing the participation in the Climate Resiliency Farming program by M. Deyo seconded by S. Olson; carried. M. Humbert abstained.

- Replacement position for AEM Technician-L. Gerstenslager explained to the board that this position will be advertised with Wayne County Human Resources; once a candidate is chosen the County will order the exam from NYS Civil Service as the candidate will be provisional until scoring in the test.

Old Business

- Port Bay East Barrier Bar Breach- L. Gerstenslager stated that at this time this is stuck in permitting and will send updates when she knows more.

New Business

Re-hiring of Drew Starkey for summer intern work- Assessment of Maxwell Creek in preparation for Consolidating Funding Application due July 29, 2016. L. Gerstenslager explained to the Board that D. Starkey will be returning to the District as an intern and he is also interested in applying for the AEM Technician Position.

A MOTION was made to rehire Drew Starkey to complete the Maxwell Creek Tributary Assessment as part of the Government Intern program for 2016 for a six (6) to eight (8) week appointment by M. Humbert seconded by M. Deyo; carried

Announcements

- District Events for the month of May:
 - WQCC meeting Wednesday May 25th; Mark Humbert is the Board representative.
 - Office will be closed May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Other Business

- Space Needs-L. Gerstenslager stated she has met with B. Jones and A. Kareem 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 the Board that there are limited options for fitting the needed amount of personnel into this space would require some additional walls with larger cubicles. The staff did not object to this option and was up for consideration of the District Board and USDA partners. L. Gerstenslager did state that she has a list of Risk Management concerns with the current space and that is in part, the reason for making adjustments. The plans will still need approval of NRCS and FSA. Once all approval is

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met additional monies will need to be spent for walls. L. Crane suggested talking with Kevin Rooney to see if we can borrow needed furniture until a final plan can be decided. The Board will revisit the long term planning needs for the District space in the months to come. L. Gerstenslager passed around a Leadership School Flyer for July 12-15th if anyone was interested in attending.

A MOTION was made to adjourn at 12:05 pm by S. Olson.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 28, 2016 at 9 am.