

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

**Regular Meeting –July 26, 2016  
Conservation Offices  
10 Leach Road Lyons NY 14489**

**Directors:**

Bob VanLare  
Mark Humbert  
Steve Olson  
Monica Deyo

**Absent:**

Laurie Crane

**Guests:**

Pat VanLare

**Staff:**

Lindsey Gerstenslager  
Cathy Comfort  
Ron Thorn

**NRCS:**

Greg Robinson

**FSA:**

Absent

**Call to order by Board Chair B. VanLare @ 8:35 am**

**Approval of the Agenda**

- No additional business at this time

**Acknowledgement of Guests**

- Good Morning Pat

**Operational Business**

- **A MOTION** was made to accept the minutes from the June 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting by M. Deyo seconded by M. Humbert; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2016 by M. Humbert seconded by S. Olson; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the bill's to be paid for July 2016 by M. Humbert seconded by M. Deyo; carried with S. Olson abstaining.

**Report from NRCS**

Attached

**Report from FSA**

None

**Report from SWCC**

Attached

**SWCD Administrative Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager & Ron Thorn**

- Correspondence folder –Passed Around; L. Gerstenslager gave a brief overview of content.

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➤ NYACD Fall Conference

L. Gerstenslager informed the Board of the NYACD fall conference in Syracuse and stated that it would be a great training opportunity; she will have more information for the classes soon.

➤ Report from Ron Thorn

R. Thorn spoke to the Board about the recent round of NPS Ag Grant Round 22. Wayne County SWCD entered 4 projects and 1 project was funded, Jason DeMay. R. Thorn stated that the total funding for the state was 13.1 million and 98 total projects across the state were funded (see attached summary). M. Humbert asked what brought in additional funds; R. Thorn explained that some of the reasons were water source, cover crops, etc. these add additional scoring points.

**Old Business**

➤ Port Bay East Barrier Bar Breach-

L. Gerstenslager stated that permits have been received and the contractor is ready however the work will require closing the channel for 1-2 days. L. Gerstenslager stated that with the rate of the water levels going down it would be her recommendation to wait until September to do the work as this will allow the least amount of interference with the summer recreation on Port Bay, the Board agreed with this recommendation and L. Gerstenslager will follow up with the contractor.

➤ Sodus Bay Crescent Beach Barrier Bar-

L. Gerstenslager stated that this is a landowner concern that Soil & Water can provide technical assistance if needed. L. Gerstenslager further explained that she has heard from SOS (Save Our Sodus) that they have done a letter writing campaign to Army Corp in order to free up funding for this breach and is looking to Soil & Water for assistance/partnership.

**New Business**

➤ Closeout Approval-Final Report distribution:

- ❖ Soil Health Mini-Grant #1
- ❖ New York Sea Grant: Village of Sodus Point

**A MOTION** was made to conclude the Soil Health Mini Grant 1 and New York Sea Grant 1 as presented by S. Olson seconded by M. Deyo; carried.

➤ ANS 2015 Subcontract Approval-

L. Gerstenslager spoke to the Board about the 2015 Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Grant that will be utilized in conjunction with the 2014 ANS Grant for a total of \$60,000 (\$30,000 each Grant) over a 3-year period to target handpulling efforts. This money will be used to purchase canoes, kayaks and trailer and also provide for partnership with Sea Grant personnel for handpulling events. M. Deyo inquired what is done with the water chestnuts that are pulled; L. Gerstenslager stated that the district is waiting for a grant opportunity to explore the nutrient value of composting the chestnuts.

**A MOTION** was made to participate as a subcontractor to FLOWPA for the Aquatic Nuisance Species 2015 grant application to work on target harvesting south of the Bay Bridge for 2 seasons and to assist Oswego and Onondaga Counties with their handpulling efforts by M. Deyo seconded by S. Olson; carried.

➤ Approve Payment for Shoreline Conveyor-

L. Gerstenslager stated to the board that the new conveyor has been delivered as per contract.

**A MOTION** was made to pay Alpha Boats Unlimited \$34,050.00 as authorized through procurement process and as budgeted: \$26,550.00 Harvesting Equipment Savings; \$5,000.00 FLOWPA 16 contract; \$2,500.00 current County Harvesting contract by S. Olson seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

➤ NACD Dues for 2017

L. Gerstenslager explained to the Board the NACD is the National Association of Conservation District's and that she has talked with other district's to find out what if anything they may pay for dues. Other districts responded that some pay \$750, some pay half some pay less and some pay none. L.

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Gerstenslager stated that she would like to pay a nominal dues of \$100.00. B. VanLare stated that the money that is paid goes toward lobbying in Washington and helps fund partnership programs with NRCS. NACD also works closely with the NYACD president.

**A MOTION** was made to pay NACD \$100.00 for annual dues in 2016, in addition to our proposed 2016 County Budget as other NYS SWCD do by M. Humbert seconded by S. Olson; carried.

**A MOTION** was made to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 9:45 by S. Olson seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

**A MOTION** was made to leave executive session and reenter regular meeting at 11:51 by S. Olson seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

**Announcements**

- District Events for the month of August:
  - ❖ WQCC Meeting, Wednesday, July 27, 2016
  - ❖ Annual CDEA Golf Tournament, July 28, 2016
  - ❖ S. DeRue annual leave August 22-26
  - ❖ L. Gerstenslager annual leave August 1 & 2; August 12; August 19-29; Sept 1 & 2

**Other Business**

- None

**A MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 pm

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 30, 2016 at 9 am.