

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

**Regular Meeting – January 13, 2011
SWCD Office, Lyons, NY,14489**

Directors:

Steve Brownell
Bill Hammond
Jody Bender
Bob VanLare

Absent:

Tom Caprilla

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Scott DeRue

Guests:

Steve LeRoy
Lori Krane
Kim Park
Jim Hoffman
Pat VanLare

Organizational Meeting

Call to order @ 9:09

Elections: Chair/Vice'

- B. Hammond nominated S. Brownell for SWCD Board Chair of 2011. B. VanLare seconded. One ballot cast by secretary for candidate. Nomination carried.
- B. Hammond nominated B. VanLare for SWCD Board Vice Chair of 2011. J. Bender seconded. One ballot cast by secretary for candidate. Nomination carried.

District Policies (review and approve)

- A Motion was made to reaffirm the standing District bylaws and policies by S. Brownell and seconded by B. Hammond. Carried

Designate Official Newspaper & Bank

- A Motion was made for Wayne County Times to be designated as our official newspaper and the National Bank of Lyons to be our designated bank by S. Brownell and seconded by B. Hammond. Carried

Payment of Bills

- A Motion was made to reaffirm the list of bill payments that currently stand to include bills that are utility type, payroll, and payroll liabilities by S. Brownell and seconded by B. VanLare. Carried

Board Audits

- Board Audits should be handle under finance committee and audit committee.

Designate Committee Representatives

WQCC – B. VanLare
RC&D – B. Hammond & B. VanLare
Personnel – B. VanLare & J. Bender
Finance – Whole Board
Audit – S. Brownell & T. Caprilla

Adjournment at 9:26 am

Working Meeting

Call to order at 9:27am

Secretary's Report:

A Correction was made for the minutes to reflect in the External Audit section a potential auditor is "Ray" not "Roy" Wagner.

A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the December Meeting by B. Hammond second by B. VanLare; carried.

Business

2011 Health Insurance: Affordable Benefits rep. S. Wilkie provided the group with a overview of three plans that District Manager Gerstenslager would fit to the needs of the employees based on the quotes that were provided by the broker.

Discussion:

- Other various plans including some of the plans other townships utilize.
- The BOD would like DM to verify the information on the sheet and if the first column isn't applicable to 2011 then we should look at other options for insurance. The first avenue would to contact J. Bender for additional information about the plans the Town of Marion offers as the price for those plans match similar plans listed on the information sheet from Affordable Benefits.

A Motion was made to proceed with the DM verifying information and then moving forward with what was discussed in the discussion by B. Hammond and seconded by J. Bender.

Personnel Committee Report

Personnel Committee reported that of the interviews conducted last Thursday, January 6, 2011 that of the four candidates interviewed the committee recommends two of the candidates to the Board for approval of an offer.

Discussion:

- Each committee member gave their impressions of the two candidates and recommended a salary starting at \$28,000 and standard benefits package.

A Motion was made to proceed with offering the position to the candidate that the committee agreed on and if that candidate did not accept the offer to offer the position the next candidate by S. Brownell and seconded by B. Hammond.

Directors Reports

B. VanLare shared NYSCDEA Legislative days are on Feb. 7 & 8, 2011 and requested that board support funding for the trip for room and reservation.

A Motion was made to support B. VanLare for registration fees and room by B. Hammond and seconded by S. Brownell. Carried.

L. Gerstenslager gave a brief overview about her attendance to the Wayne County Farm Bureau Meeting on Tuesday evening and reminded the directors about WQS and asked that if possible all the directors be in attendance on Thursday, March 17, 2011 Banquet.

Guests Discussion:

Town Supervisors from Sodus, Huron and Wolcott and County Board Chair J. Hoffman were in attendance to talk to the SWCD Board about support for working with the community on issues surrounding the bays and SWCD programs. Discussion was created and suggestions were offered.

K. Park, Town Supervisor of Wolcott, let the SWCD Board know about a project they will be working on for water quality improvement because of studies done by DEC. K. Park asked if the SWCD would be willing to assist technically and/or partner with the project. More information is needed by the consensus was that it would be a good idea and SWCD is willing to help if possible with time and resources.

A Water Resource plan for community awareness and public action will be formulated and presented to the SWCD BOD at our March Board Meeting and once approved will be presented to public works as the vehicle for townships and constituents to work with SWCD to improve the issues surrounding our many water resources.

S. LeRoy offered information about potential groups that have/are forming that have ambition and funds but no direction for productive use of those resources and asked if SWCD would be willing to offer assistance with direction for those groups. B. Hammond and B. VanLare voiced some concerns. L. Gerstenslager asked S. LeRoy that the best way for us to help is to have a bulleted list of their ideas. The consensus was that SWCD would be willing to entertain any possible projects or community grows to impact the current work that is being done to help to mitigate the issues.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 9:00am at the SWCD Office Conference Room.

A MOTION was made to adjourn at 12:38pm. Carried