

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

**Regular Meeting – January 19, 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
David Parker, Sodus Bay Yacht Club
Debbie Agostinelli, Katlynn Marine
Ed LeRoux, Sodus Bay Business Association
Tom Frank, Captain Jack's Good Time Tavern
Pat VanLare

Call to order @ 9:04

Presentations of information from the Sodus Bay Business Association.

Secretary's Report:

A Correction was made for the minutes to reflect a spelling error in the first line of the organizational meeting minutes. The change was from "Ballet" to "Ballot."

A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the January Meeting by B. Hammond second by J. Bender; carried.

Treasurer's Report:

A MOTION was made to approve the treasurer's report by B. Hammond seconded by J. Bender; carried.

Discussion about operational budgeting including designating funds to various savings accounts occurred. No decisions were made in regards to funds transfer of general funds until an operational budget is in place.

A MOTION was made to pay remaining 2010 Drainage bills out of the Special Projects funds and the SWCD would be reimbursed by the County program by B. Hammond seconded by J. Bender; carried.

NRCS Report

W. Jones and E. Mombourquette gave a report about specific programs that were available until last week and continuing programs, where program sign up is continual. They made note of a few new programs that are being vamped up for the spring including a petroleum storage focused program, grass land preservation and wetland reserve program.

FSA Report

Approved Minutes for January 19, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting -

K. Bowman was unable to give her report but left notes for L. Gerstenslager to read. The report included an overview of signups for SURE, 2011 Direct and Counter Cyclical Programs, yield and acreage reporting. She also shared that Timothy Rogers would be a new County Committee Member.

District Manager Report

L. Gerstenslager gave an update about the DEC General Permit process. The process is moving forward after a meeting with DEC in Ontario Cty on January 5, 2011. In short, the General Permit should be approved and in place in early spring.

Copies of the final Employee Handbook were distributed to each Director.

Insurance update: L. Gerstenslager emailed out an insurance policy overview from Excellus BC/BS, Simply Blue similar to last year's insurance policy.

A MOTION was made to accept the proposed insurance by B. Hammond seconded by J. Bender; carried.

Conservation Sec/Treasurers position was offered to Catherine Comfort and she accepted on Tuesday afternoon. C. Comfort will be coming in on Thursday, January 20, 2011 to begin some paperwork.

SWCD Staff Report – Tabled

Executive Session – entered into at 11:30 a.m.

A MOTION to enter into Executive Session by S. Brownell, seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

To discuss individual staff in regards to annual reviews and how the BOD and the DM would like to communicate the findings to the individual staff members.

Out of Executive Session at 11:45a.m.

SWCC : Les Travis

Reported that District Managers meetings were held last week. 4 of them across the state. He announced about the new Commissioner of Agriculture, Darrel Aulbertine and talked of some of the potential changes at the State level and there was no certainty of anything at this time to report. Advised that any vouchering payments need to be done by February 15, 2011. Also reported that the GLRI had another RFP out for potential funding streams. AEM changes will be occurring on various forms.

Discussion because of SBBA, and other community associations, the SWCD needs to take a proactive approach in policy when it comes to partnerships with groups for potential fund raising, and funds for services. Decided to be a topic for the February 2011 BOD meeting.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 9:00am at the SWCD Office Conference Room.

A MOTION was made to adjourn at 12:01pm. Carried