

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

**Regular Meeting – April 25, 2017
SWCD Office, Lyons, NY, 14489**

Directors:

Mark Humbert
Steve Olson
Monica Deyo
Pat VanLare

Absent:

Laurie Crane

STATE:

Vic DiGiacomo

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort
Ron Thorn

NRCS:

Bill Jones

FSA:

Julia Foster
Denise Buisch

Call to order by Board Chair M. Humbert @ 9:00 am

Approval of the Agenda

A MOTION was made to approve the agenda was made by P. VanLare seconded M. Deyo; carried.

Acknowledgement of Guests

Good Morning Victor DiGiacomo, NYSDAM:SWCC, Regional Agricultural Environmental Analyst.

Suspend the Orders of the Day

A MOTION was made to suspend the orders of the day by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

Executive Session

A MOTION was made to proceed into executive session at 9:05 am to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

A MOTION to return from executive session at 9:20 am was made by M. Deyo seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

A MOTION was made to approve the transfer of accrued leave hours to sick leave account to balance time as requested by C. Comfort when both accounts are the same and to be zeroed out and start fresh from her absence by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

A MOTION was made to approve the permanent employment status of Ian Priestley and Drew Starkey by P. VanLare seconded by M. Deyo; carried.

Operational Business

A MOTION was made to accept the minutes from February 2017 Board Meeting by S. Olson seconded P. VanLare; carried.

A MOTION was made to approve the Treasurer's report for March/April 2017 by M. Deyo seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

Approved Minutes for March and April 2017 Board of Directors Meeting -

A MOTION was made to approve the bill's to be paid for March/April 2017 by M. Deyo seconded by S. Olson; carried.

- Ag Grant-Bills to be Paid Update-Ag NPS Rd 19-DeMay Fence

L. Gerstenslager explained that this is for Voucher #49 and represents the 3rd and final payment for the Jason DeMay project in Ag NPS Rd 19

A MOTION was made to pay Jason DeMay in part of Ag NPS Round 19 for implemented fence at a 50/50 cost share for \$1,080.00 by P. VanLare seconded by M. Deyo; carried.

A MOTION was made to transfer \$3911.41 from Maintenance Savings to the District Checking for payment of this project by L. crane seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

Report from SWCC

See attached addendum

V. DiGiacomo also advised of a District being sued for copyright infringement of a picture on their website; L. Gerstenslager stated that our website will be reviewed.

R. Thorn asked if any updates on the Grown and Certified Program have been released; V. DiGiacomo stated that no awards have been announced yet.

Report from NRCS

See attached addendum

Report from FSA

See attached addendum

Report from FLOWPA

See attached addendum

Report from SWCC – AEA Victor DiGiacomo

See attached addendum

Report from Farm Bureau

M. Humbert stated that Sonny Purdue has been confirmed as the Secretary of Agriculture. Farm Bill lobbying is under way for 2018.

Report from Grange

P. VanLare shared the following highlights:

- Grange leaders are in Washington lobbying for the Farm Bill.
- Wayne County Stewardship is next week.
- Service will be held at the Newark Grange on Sunday with the speaker being the NYS Chaplain of the Grange.

Old Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager

Is tabled for May meeting

- Space Update-Furniture Budget
- Tree Sale Information D. Starkey
- Envirothon Information D. Starkey

New Business

- AEM Year 13-Plan of Work AAP- R. Thorn explained the plan and the Board requested a copy of the document be emailed to them for further reading.

A MOTION was made to approve the Year 13 AAP for submittal to NYSDAM, SWCC for NYS AEM program by M. Deyo seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- Part C Project Plan 2017-L. Gerstenslager outlined the plan as documented in the attached addendum.

A MOTION was made to allocate Part C funds as presented to programs that have need by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- Great Lakes Basin Control Program RFP.

A MOTION was made to participate in the Great Lakes Basin Coalition program for Wayne County to remediate sediment/erosion control and watershed phosphorus reduction, utilizing conservation stabilization and cover for 2018-2020 in partnership with FLOWPA, Onondaga, Oswego and Lewis Counties, so moved by P. VanLare seconded by M. Deyo; carried.

- Partnership with New York Sea Grant for waterfront property owners meetings.

A MOTION was made to partner with New York Sea Grant for 125 hours of work the summer of 2017 to meet with waterfront property owners in focus groups to assess their concerns, information needs and other opportunities to prepare for lake level management and climate resiliency. The contract amount would not exceed \$6,500 and payment is part of FLOWPA 17 contract, so moved by M. Deyo seconded by S. Olson; carried.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn at 10:45 am was made by P. VanLare seconded by M. Deyo; carried.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017 at 9 am.