

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

**Regular Meeting – April 15, 2015
SWCD Office, Lyons, NY, 14489**

Directors:

Bill Hammond
Mark Humbert
Steve Olson
Bob VanLare
Steve LeRoy

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort

NRCS:

Bill Jones

Guests:

Pat VanLare
Vic DiGiacomo

FSA:

Absent

Call to order by Board Chair B. Hammond at 9:10am

Approval of the Agenda

- Additional topics added at the end of the agenda.

Acknowledgement of Guests

Welcome Pat VanLare.

Operational Finance Business

A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 regular Meeting by B. Hammond, seconded by S. LeRoy: carried.

A MOTION was made to approve the Treasurer's report by S. LeRoy seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

- L. Gerstenslager wanted to add that Part A & C monies have been received along with RC&D; also Ag NPS Rd 20 initial payments, the individual bank accounts for the Ag NPS Grants will be set up soon.

A MOTION was made to approve the bill's to be paid for April 2015 by S. LeRoy seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

- C. Comfort advised the Board of the new report in their packets which includes a breakdown of the Visa payments.

A MOTION was made to send Resolution 2015 AVC1 to the Board of Supervisors for request to utilize funds from the Capital Reserve account to purchase a pre-enjoyed vehicle for the AVC program not to exceed \$20,000 by B. Hammond seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

- L. Gerstenslager explained that this was brought up before the Public Works Committee at their last meeting and they were supportive of the resolution. B. VanLare inquired if it will be a 1/2 ton pickup. L. Gerstenslager reported that it will be ½ or a ¾ ton pickup. L. Gerstenslager also stated that she has been following Roy Teitsworth Auctions and there has been nothing so far. Cattaraugus County Soil & Water does have a Ford F250 that they are looking to sell that L. Gerstenslager will be looking at and bringing back the information to the Board.
- B. Hammond stated that being able to tow a fuel trailer will be beneficial for servicing the harvesters.
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Report from NRCS

See attached addendum.

M. Humbert entered the meeting at 9:40 am

- B. Jones also stated that there will be a Quality Assurance Review (QAR) the week of July 20th.

Report from FSA

No Report

Report from SWCC – AEA Victor DiGiacomo

See attached addendum. V. DiGiacomo:

- L. Gerstenslager requested an extension on the Annual Action Plan as it was just received and this did not a lot enough time for completion and Board review.
- V. DiGiacomo also stated that there is a Soil Health Mini-Grant coming out.
- The State Committee meeting is to be held on May 21st
- B. VanLare asked about the Part C money and Districts having a problem getting rejected. V. DiGiacomo stated that if the District's sent him the report he would be happy to review it.
- L. Gerstenslager stated that as long as the District's do a peer review as a professional organization it should be done properly.

Report From Staff

Tabled

Motion E. from Agenda tabled.

Operational Business – Report by Lindsey Gerstenslager

A MOTION was made to approve reappointment of the following staff for summer hire for the Aquatic Weed Harvesting Program; William Hall of Sodus, Howard Skinner of Huron and Chris Dallas of Honeoye (stays in Rose during the summer) by S. LeRoy seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

A MOTION was made for approval of L. Gerstenslager to move forward with contracting with OGS for Credit Card System for program fuel usage by B. Hammond seconded by S. Olson; carried.

A MOTION was made to approve the operational agreement for services with County IT on an annual basis by S. LeRoy seconded by S. Olson; carried.

A MOTION was made to approve contract agreement for the FLOWPA 2014-2015 program as presented by S. LeRoy seconded by B. VanLare; carried.

A MOTION was made to approve a joint application with Cayuga County SWCD for erosion control and phosphorus reduction work in the Port Bay Watershed by B. Hammond seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

AMOTION was made to extend the contract for Round 16 to 12/31/2015 from 5/15/15 due to an error in oversight of contract end dates and to complete the implementation on the remaining two farms by S. Olson, seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

S. LeRoy left the meeting at 10:25 am

New Invasive Species Regulations that affect local Nurseries:

- L. Gerstenslager informed the Board that the district will be sending information to local nurseries to make them aware of invasive species that they may be selling.
- The DEC has been sending the district educational information on Giant Hogweed; L. Gerstenslager will be setting up workshops for education of this noxious plant.

Update NYS Final EPF and how it affects us!

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- FLOWPA 15/16 will include an increase of \$10,000; currently we have 2 projects that need to be completed before we can start on the new contract. Maxwell Creek, part of FLOWPA 14/15, is scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2015.
- Part B monies can be partnered with Part C so lower Ganargua Creek can be done this year where there has been 16 blockages identified.

Other Business

Fleet Vehicle

- L. Gerstenslager explained to the Board that the vehicle that the District approved to purchase for the fleet has stopped production because of the overwhelming demand and will not begin taking orders until September for 2016. B. Hammond requested she send him the specs of the vehicle she is looking for and he would help with a contact for vehicle procurement for the program.

NYACD

- B. VanLare updated the Board with the current status of the NYACD; a meeting was held last Saturday and a plan of work is not out yet but is in process. Steuben County SWCD is doing the Bookkeeping and Reports. A new CEO has been hired her name is Danielle Cummings; also the Website is up and running.

B. VanLare left the meeting at 10:53 am

Design for Sodus Point

- Shoreline resiliency plan for Sodus Point will be completed this year as part of the funding that was received from NY Sea Grant. Plans for the project have been completed and approved by the engineer. L. Gerstenslager presented them to the Board for approval before taking them to the Village of Sodus Point for approval.

A MOTION was made to approve plans as presented for the NY Sea Grant Shoreline Resiliency project for Wickham Ave, Sodus Point NY to prevent future erosion and protect the sewer infrastructure by M. Humbert seconded by S. Olson; carried.

Pontoon Boat

- L. Gerstenslager informed the Board that the Pontoon Boat had not been used at all last year and we have the John Boat which is easier for one person to handle; she would propose selling of the pontoon boat after appraisal. B. Hammond suggested advertising it with a minimum bid of \$16,000.00 and ability to reject any bids.

A MOTION was made to advertise the sale of the Pontoon Boat for minimum bid with a clause to reject any bids not acceptable by B. Hammond seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015 at 9 am at the SWCD Conference Room.

A MOTION was made to adjourn at 11:05 am by B. Hammond seconded by M. Humbert; carried.