

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

**Regular Meeting – May 11, 2018
SWCD Office, Lyons, NY, 14489**

Directors:

Mark Humbert
Pat VanLare
Steve Olson
Lynn Chatfield

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort
Ron Thorn
Ian Priestley

Absent:

Brian Manktelow

NRCS:

Absent

Guest:

Absent

FSA:

Absent

Call to order by Board Chair M. Humbert @ 8:30 am

Approval of the Agenda

L. Gerstenslager brought to the attention of the Board that there was an amended agenda and added item at the end- Envirothon to New Business; M. Humbert started the correspondence folder around the table.

A MOTION was made to approve the amended agenda by S. Olson seconded P. VanLare; carried.

Acknowledgement of Guests

None

Operational Business

A MOTION was made to accept the minutes from March 2018 Board Meeting by P. VanLare seconded S. Olson; carried.

A MOTION was made to approve the Treasurer's report for April/May 2018 by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- 2018 Part C Money was received
- GLBP15 & FLOWPA 15 payments received; Special Projects Fund reimbursed

A MOTION was made to approve the bill's to be paid for April/May 2018 by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- Maxwell Creek Stream Blockage-L. Gerstenslager explained that the District had received notice from several sources on this blockage and there was funding available in Part C.

A MOTION was made to pay Decker Excavating for blockage removal completed on Maxwell Creek, from stream corridor maintenance funds allocated from 2018 Part C funding in the amount of \$960.00 by L. Chatfield seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- Port Bay Great Lakes Basin Stabilization Project-L. Gerstenslager explained that this is the last leg of the grant for the District and this invoice is for the movement of gravel and dozer work on Port Bay Channel; the District has also seeded and planted trees and the DEC will now be completing the State management plan for this.

A MOTION was made to pay Decker Excavating for distribution and stabilization of shoreline protection project on the East Barrier Bar of Port Bay April 2nd-11th in the amount of \$20,635.00 from the GLBP 15

contract. The project payment will be paid from Special Projects Funds to be reimbursed at the next quarterly report: so moved by L. Chatfield seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

➤ AVC Belting

A MOTION was made to purchase weed harvesting belting from Keystone Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$1,901 for 128' of bed belting includes delivery by P. VanLare seconded by L. Chatfield; carried.

➤ NACD Dues

A MOTION was made to pay NACD Annual Dues as budgeted in the amount of \$101.00 by S. Olson seconded by L. Chatfield; carried.

➤ Envirothon Transfer

A MOTION to transfer \$500.00 to the Envirothon Trust Account for the 2018 Scholarships awarded at the Wayne County Envirothon on April 17, 2018 was made by S. Olson seconded by L. Chatfield; carried.

Old Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager

- NY Association of Conservation District: Events-P. VanLare will be attending an event to be held the first Saturday in June in Cortland. This will qualify as a training event for performance measures. L. Gerstenslager traveled to Albany to meet with Senator O'Mara and discuss WQIP funding, she stated it was very informative and that all grant monies will be tightening down paying mainly for construction and implementation, cost share and administration will not be able to be figured in so the District will be having to rethink budgetary strategy.
- 2009 Chevy Silverado Update-C. Comfort updated the Board that the minimum was not reached on Auctions International with the final bid coming in at \$11,600; a counter offer was made of \$15,000 however the high bidder contacted Auction International with some "sour grapes". Auction International was advised with backup of the minimum bid amount and they have no concerns. The District will continue to try to sell the vehicle for the suggested price.

New Business

- New York Sea Grant Closeout: Port Bay Planning Project-L. Gerstenslager stated that this project is completed and closeout has been done.
- Veteran from Ontario NY with Public Safety Water Quality Issue- L. Gerstenslager explained to the Board that a representative from the Veterans Administration has been in contact with her at the suggestion of B. Manktelow and B. Oaks concerning a veteran who has a failed leach system. L. Gerstenslager stated that upon review this is more of a public health issue and not a water quality issue. And that we do not have any programs at this time. The board agreed that while it would love to assist there are other venues that need to be pursued for this veteran.

A MOTION was made to deny septic assistance at this time for the property located in Ontario NY as this is not in the scope of the Soil and Water Conservation District's Natural Resource Conservation plan of work, made by L. Chatfield seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- Ag NPS Approval to Participate Resolution-R. Thorn identified the following projects to participate in the Ag NPS Abatement and Control Round 24 program
 - Field Craft Farms, Salmon Creek West, Waste Storage and Transfer Systems
 - Hughes Farm, East Bay, Livestock HUA Runoff Management System, Access Control System
 - Baker Farms, Seneca River, Livestock HUA Runoff Management System, Access Control System
 - Merrell Farms, (SEP) Sodus, East & Port Bays, Waste Storage and Transfer System
 - Humbert Farms, Melvin Brook, Erosion Control System - Structural
 - Humbert Farms, Crusoe/Butler/Black Creeks, Erosion Control System - Structural
 - Youngman Farms, Port Bay, Prescribed Rotational Grazing System

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- Glenn Martin Farms, Crusoe/Butler/Black Creeks, Access Control System, Livestock HUA Runoff Management System
- Quaker Heights Farm, Ganargua Creek Upper, Livestock HUA Runoff Management System, Stream Corridor and Shoreline Management System

A MOTION was made to approve Wayne County SWCD participation in the Ag NPS Abatement and Control Round 24 for the aforementioned farms by I. Chatfield seconded by P. VanLare; carried. M. Humbert abstained.

- New York State AEM Farm of the Year Nominee: KC Bailey Fruit Farms LLC—L. Gerstenslager stated that she feels the nomination is warranted due to their diverse efforts in conservation and they were the 2013 Wayne County AEM recipient.

A MOTION was made to approve nomination of KC Bailey Fruit Farms LLC as the NYSA EM Farm of the Year Nominee from Wayne County by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- NCDCA Northeast Regional Meeting: Lancaster PA-L. Gerstenslager stated that she would like to attend this with staff member I. Priestley as a networking and information gathering function, scholarship monies will offset some of the costs involved.

A MOTION was made to allow L. Gerstenslager and I Priestley to attend the NCDCA, Northeast Regional Meeting in Lancaster PA if successful in the scholarship for scholarship program and the Frank Bratt with the District offsetting the remaining funding, so moved by S. Olson seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- NYS Envirothon-L. Gerstenslager inquired if the Board would have any issues with staff members already attending the NYS Envirothon acting as tour guides and transporting people, this is covered under the District's umbrella policy. The Board has no issue.
- Staff Report-I. Priestley-See Attached Addendum
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Report from SWCC – AEA Victor DiGiacomo

See attached addendum

Report from NRCS

Absent

Report from FSA

Absent

Report from Farm Bureau

Report from Grange

P. VanLare stated that the stewardship program went well. The Pomona's have their next meeting at the Clyde Grange in June.

Announcements

Other Business

S. Olson stated that he will be sending information on a climate control meeting.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn at 10:19 am was made by P. VanLare seconded by S. Olson; carried.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 20, 2018 at 8:30 am.