

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

**Regular Meeting –June 28, 2016
Conservation Offices
10 Leach Road Lyons NY 14489**

Directors:

Bob VanLare
Mark Humbert
Laurie Crane
Steve Olson
Monica Deyo

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort
Ron Thorn

NRCS:

Absent

Guests:

Pat VanLare

FSA:

Absent

Call to order by Board Chair B. VanLare @ 9:00 am

Approval of the Agenda

- L. Crane added additional business at this time.
- L. Gerstenslager added additional business at this time.

Acknowledgement of Guests

- Good Morning Pat

Operational Business

- **A MOTION** was made to accept the minutes from the May 20, 2016 Regular Board Meeting by L. Crane seconded by S. Olson; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to accept the amended minutes from the June 3, 2016 Special Board Meeting by L. Crane seconded by M. Deyo; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the Treasurer's report for June 2016 by M. Humbert seconded by S. Olson; carried.
- **A MOTION** was made to approve the bill's to be paid for June 2016 by M. Deyo seconded by S. Olson; carried.

L. Crane inquired about the mowing services provided by the KM Morrison billing attached and why they are \$110.00 per hour. L. Gerstenslager explained that this is not regular mowing services it is a mowing head attached to an excavator arm that reaches down into the ditch banks and has the capability of mowing small trees shrubs etc., it is part of the drainage bid process.

- **A MOTION** was made to complete full payment of \$15,743.50 to Steven Olson, HCF, for his portion of contract Round 19 Ag Non-Point Source Abatement & Control Grant by M. Humbert seconded by L. Crane; carried with S. Olson abstaining.

L. Gerstenslager informed the Board that she is looking into doing a farm tour this fall to take them around and see some of the completed projects the district has done.

Report from NRCS

None

Report from FSA

None

Report from SWCC None

SWCD Administrative Business: Lindsey Gerstenslager & Ron Thorn

- Correspondence folder –Passed Around
- Report from Ron Thorn

R. Thorn spoke to the Board about the recent round of NPS Ag Grant Round 22; there seemed to be an error with the workbook so the ranking is being recalculated. R. Thorn stated that at the present time it appears that 1 project is being funded and perhaps 2 of the 4 submitted. L. Crane inquired what “Round” means R. Thorn explained that it is nothing specific just a numbering system that the department of Ag & Markets uses to assign the ranking years. M. Humbert suggested giving a presentation of what goes into the Ag Grant process at a Board meeting.

Old Business

- Port Bay East Barrier Bar Breach-

L. Gerstenslager stated that permits have been received and she conducted a site showing yesterday with 4 contractors in attendance. Bids to Port Bay Improvement Association (PBIA) are due by Tuesday and a decision should be known by next week. L. Gerstenslager explained to the Board that the main source of funding is from the Great Lakes Basin Grant. L. Gerstenslager further informed the Board that she was invited and spoke at a dinner for the PBIA explaining the Barrier Bar. L. Crane complimented L. Gerstenslager on her speech and the ability to handle a crowd. L. Gerstenslager also stated that the district has received a few calls about harvesting in Port Bay and that they have been addressed.

New Business

- Sodus Bay Crescent Beach Barrier Bar-

L. Gerstenslager stated that she and R. Thorn went out in the boat to inspect the Sodus Bay Crescent Beach Barrier Bar and will be writing a report for the landowners. L. Gerstenslager stated that on initial review the landowners will not be able to reclaim this as it is too far gone at this time. L. Gerstenslager also stated that this has been on Army Corp of Engineers project list for some time, however with the Braddock Bay project in Monroe County this has not made it to implementation. L. Gerstenslager advised that the amount of money the Army Corp have dedicated to this is \$250,000 which would cover an engineering study.

- County Budget Discussion for 2017-

L. Gerstenslager stated that at the June 23rd staff meeting the staff came up with 21 projects for the allocation of funding to be used over the next few years. L. Gerstenslager also stated that for 2017 the district will remain level funded with the County due to increases with State funding, however in 2018 that does not guarantee this will remain true. L. Gerstenslager spoke with the County about the maintaining of older drainage projects and the County decided that at this time they would prefer to keep them as special project requests and not include them with the allocation funding. M. Humbert spoke about the importance of projects and attention to programs. B. VanLare inquired if we are still maintaining the older Ag Drainage projects for free; L. Gerstenslager stated that we are but we are also trying to get the landowners to cost share with the district (district purchases pipe, farmer installs). L. Gerstenslager stated that as of current the district has 24 open contracts; we have gotten away from doing stream work; assistance can be provided thru FLOWPA monies however the landowner must

maintain. L. Crane explained how the budget packet goes thru the Public Works Committee and then thru to the Board of Supervisors. L. Gerstenslager inquired if a budget packet should be sent to each town so they get an idea of the services we offer and what we may be able to provide for their town. L. Crane stated that the Narrative and an overview of the district should be sent but not the actual budget. M. Humbert agreed and expanded stating that presentations at meetings and partnership packets are also venues. L. Crane stated that a short bulleted "What can the District do to help you" letter for the towns would be informative. L. Gerstenslager stated that there is also a need for an additional position as a program assistant to do education, outreach, newsletters, press releases and assist all technicians that will need funding opportunities.

- **A MOTION** was made to support the Resolution in support of the 2017 proposed District Budget request for County of Wayne Budget by M. Humbert seconded by M. Deyo; carried.
- Project Reviews for Funding: Approval for grant participation-
- **A MOTION** was made to participate in the consolidated funding process for the following projects:
 - ❖ Maxwell Creek Stream Resiliency and stabilization project (WQIP)
 - ❖ Village of Sodus Point, Water Quality Management for Stormwater and Invasive Species Control (WQIP)
 - ❖ Village of Sodus Point, Climate Resiliency Project for a clean water community for stormwater management (Clean Communities)
 - ❖ Port Bay Shoreline Resiliency Project (Clean Communities)

This motion was moved by M. Humbert seconded by L. Crane; carried.

Announcements

- District Events for the month of July:
 - ❖ S. DeRue annual leave 7/5-7/8
 - ❖ T. Reynolds off 7/5-7/8
 - ❖ R. Thorn Leadership Institute 7/12-7/15
 - ❖ Water Chestnut Hand-Pulling Events; Flyer to Follow
 - ❖ Annual CDEA Golf Tournament, July 28, 2016
 - ❖ WQCC Meeting, Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Other Business

- L. Crane spoke about IJC 2014; she had recently received a call that there was a rumor that the Nature Conservancy had recruited college students to go door to door and have people sign a petition in support of 2014 without making that statement and under the guise it was for saving the lake. The DEC has denied any involvement as they said to do this would be considered illegal practices for them. L. Gerstenslager stated that she will call a contact she has to follow up on the validity of this rumor. L. Gerstenslager stated that at this time Project 2014 is at a stalemate.
- L. Gerstenslager addressed the Board about July's schedule; normally there are 2 meetings in July the regular and also a finance meeting for Budget review and Audit. M. Humbert stated he did not feel it necessary to do the 2 meetings as the 2017 Budget has been reviewed and is ready for submission to the County. L. Gerstenslager agreed and stated that the next meeting will be July 26th 2016 at 9am; an executive meeting may need to be called for the Port Bay Improvement Project.

Executive Board Personnel

- AEM District Technician Position
- Personnel Committee Report

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A MOTION was made to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 10:40 am by L. Crane seconded by S. Olson; carried.

A MOTION was made to enter back into normal session at 10:56 am by S. Olson seconded by L. Crane; carried.

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 am by L. Crane seconded by S. Olson; carried

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 26, 2016 at 9 am.