

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

**Regular Meeting – September 19, 2018
SWCD District Office – 7312 Route 31 - Lyons**

Directors:

Brian Manktelow
Pat VanLare
Steve Olson
Lynn Chatfield

Staff:

Lindsey Gerstenslager
Cathy Comfort
Ron Thorn

Absent:

Mark Humbert

NRCS:

Absent

Guest:

None

FSA:

Bruce Wadhams

Call to order by Board Vice-Chair B. Manktelow @ 9:09 am

Approval of the Agenda

L. Gerstenslager would like to add under new business:

- f. FLOWPA 18-Invasive Species Calendar
- g. AVC-Tissue Testing

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

Operational Business

- a. Review of Correspondence Folder-L. Gerstenslager passed around the correspondence folder for review.
- b. Minutes of the August Meeting, August 13, 2018

A MOTION was made to accept the minutes from August 2018 Board Meeting by P. VanLare seconded L. Chatfield; carried.

- c. Treasurer's Report – September, C. Comfort reviewed the Treasurer Report and informed the Board that the Special Project Fund had been reimbursed and the Harvester Savings and Equipment Fund had increased due to the sale of retired equipment; other than that no other outstanding actions this month.

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

- d. Bills to be Paid September 2018, C. Comfort informed the Board that there were no notable expenses this month as this was a light month paying bills; L. Gerstenslager followed up with stating that the District will be closing several Grants and is waiting reimbursement for A/R from the State for A/P to be made for next month.

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

Old Business:

- a. Ag NPS Round 24 Update-R. Thorn passed around the Ag NPS Round 24 Application Summary and stated the District should be advised of the results some time in November of 2018. S. Olson

requested a future power point presentation to show a more in depth review of a project so the Board may have a better understanding of all that is involved.

- b. CFA Grant Submission Update-L. Gerstenslager explained that this was in the correspondence folder that is being passed around.

New Business

- a. Part B for 2019 – Year 2 of 5 year plan for culvert inspection-See attached addendum.

A MOTION was made to approve the continuation of the Part B: Culvert Assessment Plan as presented and approved in June 2018 by L. Chatfield seconded by S. Olson; carried.

- b. Ag Economic Development Tour (Friday, 9/21)- See attached addendum.
- c. Amendment for Part C Plan of Work-L. Gerstenslager stated that after the 3rd quarter review there will be approximately \$30,000 of funds that will need to be reallocated and will be included in the October Board Packet.
- d. County Budget Update-L. Gerstenslager provided the Board with an update stating that she had presented the Budget to the County Public Works Committee and included a copy in each of the Supervisor's mailboxes to raise awareness of what the District brings to Wayne County and the return on investment for county appropriation. L. Gerstenslager also explained that an increase in appropriation is being requested this year and that in 2012 the District took a cut in its Appropriation at the request of the county while no other agency was willing to. The County Budget is voted on in December and we will be aware of our actual appropriation monies at that time.
- e. 2019 Plan of Operation Review-See attached addendum; L. Gerstenslager explained that the Plan of Operation is submitted to the State according to District Law after review and approval by the Board, currently the staff is also reviewing. L. Gerstenslager stated that she plans on having a motion ready in October so the Plan of Operation can be submitted by November, members of the Board stated that they have reviewed the Plan of Operation and are comfortable making the motion at this time.

A MOTION was made to approve the District Annual Plan of Operation for submittal to NYS SWCC by P. VanLare seconded by S. Olson; carried.

- f. FLOWPA 18-Invasive Species Calendar-L. Gerstenslager passed around a draft of the calendar that will be a companion piece to the invasive species guidebook. This calendar will be distributed to schools; 9-10 grade science classes; municipalities; grange; farm bureau; etc. and will utilize funds for an educational project.

A MOTION was made to purchase 1,200 - 2019 Invasive Species Calendars, utilizing FLOWPA funding in the amount of \$2,398.00 by L. Chatfield seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

- g. AVC-Tissue Testing: This program was completed in the summer of 1989 to show the removal of actual nutrient matter from the weed harvesting efforts. This is a 12 week sampling that will show the variation of nutrients by the maturity of the plant species, type and concentration. Ian Priestley and Mike Walker were working on the project. The project will conclude September 21, 2018 and a write up will be done in the local newspaper. Project costs will include staff time and cost of the samples submitted to Agro One for Manure Nutrient Testing.

A MOTION was made to approve the testing and documentation of harvested plants as part of an on-going study and to be paid for by FLOWPA 17 by L. Chatfield seconded by P. VanLare; carried.

Report from SWCC – AEA Victor DiGiacomo

See attached addendum-L. Gerstenslager reviewed.

Report from NRCS

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See attached addendum-S. Olson wanted to point out the importance of manure storage awareness, especially with all the inclement weather.

Report from FSA

B. Wadhams passed around a handout of the new Market Facilitation Program (MFP) and took the time to review it.

Report from Farm Bureau

In correspondence folder.

Report from Grange

See attached addendum. P. VanLare stated that the Grange is also sponsoring a Barn Dance on October 6th to support the fair. The annual meeting will also be coming up in October.

Other

NYACD Annual Meeting-L. Gerstenslager reminded everyone that she will need to know if anyone will be attending; P. VanLare has signed up.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn at 10:10 pm was made by P. VanLare seconded by L. Chatfield; carried.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 9:00 am