

**Minutes of the  
Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting— July 17, 2024  
District Office, 7312 Route 31, Lyons NY 14489**

**Directors in attendance:**

Mark Humbert, Chair  
Lynn Chatfield, chair  
Pat Van Lare, Treasurer  
Jim Brady  
Peter Stoep

**Staff in attendance:**

Ron Thorn  
Chris Hotto  
Kelly Reynolds

- I. The meeting was called to order with a quorum at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Mark Humbert.
- II. Acknowledgment of Guests—None were present.
- III. **A MOTION (1)** was made by P. Van Lare to approve the agenda; seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
- IV. Report: SWCC: Victor DiGiacomo: Submitted newsletter
- V. Report: Farm Bureau: Mark Humbert: A free farm truck inspection event is coming up. A tour of Cherry Lawn Farm was held yesterday.
- VI. Report: Grange: Pat Van Lare: Grange is very busy. Pat attended the Hemlock fair yesterday as a Grange booth judge, and she will be in Cortland this Saturday at the Grange Museum. They are holding bake sales at the Lyons Farmers' Market. August 3 Newark Grange will hold a garage and bake sale at their hall. The Wayne County fair is coming up in August too.
- VII. Report: NYACD: Pat Van Lare: The NCF Envirothon is coming up at the end of the month and they are desperate for volunteers. Pat would like to go if she can find time between Grange activities. Drew and Ron are planning to help out and possibly Ian too.
- VIII. Report: NRCS/FSA: See attached New Release announcing a Local Working Group meeting on July 24
- IX. Staff Reports: Chris Hotto: Chris reported he is working on a LAP for the ELY property on Quaker Rd. Brian Manktelow has gotten involved along with Canal Corp. and the water authority. No one has taken ownership of the extreme flooding issue and there isn't an obvious cause. Bob Hutteman (engineer) has been out to look at the situation. The Board previously approved \$7,500 for the project and reaffirmed that today. Chris will get someone out there to try to get it drained and dried out before tile can be put in. It remains to be seen if the issue is a water authority leak. Chris also reported that 5 projects have been completed so far using up approximately half of the County budget. Getting the dead Ash trees cleaned up from the Clinton's Ditch area is on the list.
- X. Operational Business
  - A. **A MOTION (2)** was made by L. Chatfield to accept the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.

- B. **A MOTION (3)** was made by L. Chatfield to accept the Treasurer's Report for as presented; seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
- C. **A MOTION (4)** was made by L. Chatfield to approve the payment of the bills as presented; seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.

There was no correspondence folder this month.

#### XI. Old Business

- A. County Contracts Updates: Septic: Ron reported from Drew that there have been a few requests, but no paperwork returned. AVC program is going along well this season so far. A boat needed welding as it was taking on water, and a shore conveyor needed repair. Trucks are going to Martin's as needed and will be serviced after the season. Public relations seem to be going well so far. The newest employee resigned, so the program is short staffed. The recycling program is getting low on funds. Chemical recycling event is still in limbo. The company came out to meet with Drew, but did not favor our facility. It was mentioned that maybe we could team up with the highway department. The November date has been confirmed. REDI projects are moving along as well. The East project is expected to start construction near Columbus Day. The West project is very near completion.
- B. Construction/Implementation Updates: Ron reported that four of 6 AEM projects are underway and there are several closeouts coming up.
- C. Pollinator Event: Ron reported that the event was held last month at the Hotto farm with 20 people in attendance.
- D. EFLC: Ron reported that organization is moving along. There is a meeting next week, and they are looking for a coordinator. Ron said he would like to do testing at the county borders to look for target areas.
- E. CRF application submission: Ron reported that 5 applications were submitted.
- F. Alton Shop plan: Ron reported that the project has been completed at a cost of \$16,720.19.
- G. 2025 County Budget review: Ron met with Rick House last month before putting together a budget request. The request was submitted last week and another meeting has been scheduled for August 7. A modest increase was requested. Ron is looking into grant opportunities to begin replacing aging harvesters.

#### XII. New Business

- A. **A MOTION (5)** to approve the application for two different WQIP grants (one and updated resubmittal for Canandaigua Outlet and the other for a new hydroseeder) was made by P. Van Lare, seconded by L. Chatfield. Motion carried.
- B. **A MOTION (6)** to approve approximately \$150 for the Wayne County Fair booth was made by P. Van Lare, seconded by L. Chatfield. Motion carried.
- C. Administrator as presented

#### XIII. Adjournment

- A. **A MOTION (7)** was made by P. Stoep to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m.; seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
- B. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office 7312 Route 31, Lyons NY, 14489.