

**Minutes of the
Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting— June 19, 2024
District Office, 7312 Route 31, Lyons NY 14489**

Directors in attendance:

Lynn Chatfield, vice-chair
Mark Humbert, chair
Peter Stoep
Pat VanLare, Treasurer
Jim Brady

Staff in attendance:

Ron Thorn
Kelly Reynolds
Mike Walker

- I. The meeting was called to order with a quorum at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Mark Humbert.
- II. **A MOTION (1)** was made by L. Chatfield to approve the agenda; seconded by P. VanLare; motion carried.
- III. Report: Farm Bureau: No report
- IV. Report: Grange: Pat referred all to the recent newsletter
- V. Report: NYACD: No report
- VI. Staff Reports: Mike Walker, ACV
 - A. The harvesting crew is down a man this year, but still a good crew with truck drivers and boat captains. Biggest concern is with aging equipment, especially trucks. Mark Humbert highly suggests getting the trucks into Martin's in Lyons for over hauls. Ron will look into scheduling on long weekends for estimates of work needed. Depending on extent of work, they may have to wait until the end of the season.
 - B. There was discussion about the need for more funding. The program is intended for mitigating invasive species rather than keeping bays open and clean (lawn mowing). Access points and dumping areas a problem. Some farms will take loads to use for fertilizer. Mark suggests new eyes maybe needed to start formulating a long-term plan of the program.
- VII. 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 P. Stoep; 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.
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. County Contract Updates: Ron
 1. Septic: Drew has a few projects in the works, but no one has submitted their paperwork yet.

2. Drainage: Chris has projects underway
 3. Solid Waste Recycling: event was successful last week. No signs of slowing down. May need to ask county for more funding.
 4. Chemical Recycling: Drew met with company yesterday and is planning a November event.
- B. Construction/Implementation Updates: Ron: There are a lot of close outs coming up.
 - C. Envirothon: Pat and Drew would both like to volunteer at National event at the end of July
 - D. Pollinator event is being held today at Hotto farm
 - E. REDI & Beaver Creek updates: County has approved budget increase for West completion/road repair. Beaver Creek road repair will be handled by the town.
 - F. EFLC continues to move forward with funding coming at some point.
- IX. New Business
- A. **A MOTION (5)** to approve presented CRF Round 8 Application List as presented on behalf of farming cooperators of Wayne County's AEM Program was made by P. VanLare, seconded by P. Stoep; M. Humbert abstained as a grant applicant motion carried.
 - B. **A MOTION (6)** to request a no-cost time extension of one year for CRF Round 5 Contract # T012303 Harper Farms Water Management Project was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
 - C. **A MOTION (7)** to accept the seasonal AVC Crew and pay rates as presented was made by P. VanLare, seconded by P. Stoep; motion carried.
 - D. **A MOTION (8)** to approve the next phase of the Alton Shop Improvement Project which include site prep and lean-to construction off of the south end of the building with funding taken out of the Alton Shop Improvement Account. Up to \$20,000.00 was made by P. Stoep, seconded by L. Chatfield; motion carried.
 - E. **A MOTION(8)** to approve customer car repair damages up to \$350.00 occurring at E-waste event was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
 - F. **A MOTION (10)** to approve t-shirts, prizes and minimal staff assistance for the Wayne County Fishing Derby up to \$3,500.00 was made by P. VanLare, seconded by P. Stoep; motion carried.
 - G. **A MOTION (11)** to approve staff apparel/uniform purchase for up to \$1,000 was made by P. VanLare, seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
 - H. **A MOTION (12)** to consolidate bank accounts as presented was make by L. Chatfield, seconded by P. VanLare; motion carried. Mark suggested we look into putting some of the funds into a daily Money Market account to increase our interest rate.
 - I. **A MOTION (13)** to accept the 2025 Budget to the County Administrator subject to review with Jim Brady was made by M. Humbert, seconded by P. VanLare; motion carried.
- X. Adjournment
- A. **A MOTION (14)** was made by L. Chatfield to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.; seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
 - B. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office 7312 Route 31, Lyons NY, 14489.