

**Minutes of the  
Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Regular Meeting— October 16, 2024  
District Office, 7312 Route 31, Lyons NY 14489**

**Directors in attendance:**

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

**Absent:**

**Staff in attendance:**

Ron Thorn  
Kelly Reynolds

**Guests:**

- I. The meeting was called to order with a quorum at 8:34 a.m. by Chairman Mark Humbert.
- II. **A MOTION** was made by P. VanLare to approve the agenda; seconded by L. Chatfield; motion carried.
- III. Report: Farm Bureau: Mark Humbert: The Annual Dinner is Saturday, Oct. 26 at Young Sommer Winery, Pultneyville.
- IV. Report: Grange: Pat Van Lare: Grange is preparing for State Conference in Oswego next week.
- V. Report: NYACD: Pat Van Lare: Annual meeting is next week Monday and Tuesday in Penn Yan.
- VI. Operational Business
  - A. **A MOTION** was made by J. Brady to accept the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by P. Stoep; motion carried.
  - B. **A MOTION** was made by P. VanLare to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by L. Chatfield; motion carried.
  - C. **A MOTION** was made by L. Chatfield to approve the payment of the bills as presented; seconded by J. Brady; motion carried.
- VII. Old Business
  - A. County Contract Updates: Ron Thorn:
    1. Harvesting has been completed for the year. Remaining budget is being used up with repairs to equipment as approved in the spring.
    2. Drainage contract & Part B funding have both been exhausted with ag drainage projects.
    3. Recycling events include November 9 Household Hazardous Waste collection, Ian is working on tire collection, and Drew is working to schedule another E-Waste event in December after "Black Friday" when people have purchased new electronics and need to dispose of the old ones before the holidays.
    4. Septic has an application pending. Approximately 1,100 postcards have gone out advertising the State Septic Program.

5. REDI Eastern Barrier Bar: A meeting was held last week with the towns of Wolcott and Sterling to discuss their Local Road Preservation Laws and possible bonds needed. Contractor agreed to set up the bonds while the County PWC agreed to pay the cost of setting up the bonds since they were not mentioned in the contract/bid process. Road inspections will happen next week. A start time in late October early November is the goal. Permits are complete, information sent to DASNY, waiting on contract.
  6. REDI Port Bay is still in permitting phase.
- B. Grant updates: Ron Thorn:
1. Ag NPS: Field Craft has been submitted and approved, waiting for final payout. Strickland is getting close, had to have concrete ripped out and re-done. Humbert grants are going out to bid. Harper is almost done.
  2. CRF: Five applications for Round 8 were submitted and all were approved. Ian is closing out Pollinator grants. Chris is close to completing Harper grant.
  3. Grown & Certified: Projects slowed down mainly due to the harvest season
- C. AEM: Three projects are finished and 3 more are progressing.
- D. EFLC: Continues to progress. There is another meeting in November.
- E. District Technician position has been advertised and exam has been scheduled.
- F. Breakfast and Ag Tour with CCE is scheduled for this Friday. Vic, Pat, and Kelly are going. Ron and Ian may attend along with Jim, Mark, and Pete.
- G. Medical Buyout/Dental coverage discussion: It was decided that the medical buyout applies only to medical insurance. Dental may be covered at 80/20 with no effect to the medical buyout. This policy will be updated next month and is in alignment with County policy.

#### VIII. New Business

- A. **A MOTION** to approve the FLOWPA 2024-2025 Program Plan of Work as submitted was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by P. VanLare, motion carried.
- B. **A MOTION** to approve submission of the 2025 Annual Plan of Work to NYS SWCC as presented was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by J. Brady, motion carried.
- C. **A MOTION** to approve the NYS SWCC 2025 Part B proposal as presented was made by J. Brady, seconded by L. Chatfield, motion carried.
- D. **A MOTION** to approve a resolution to support Ontario County SWCD in a NYS CAFO grant application involving Will-O-Crest Farm and their K-Farm location in Palmyra was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by P. VanLare, motion carried.
- E. **A MOTION** to make final payment for the NYS G&C Round 2 Keymel Fruit Farm Agrichemical Handling & Storage Project (Contract #T00191GG) for up to \$45,000 from the Special Projects Account to be reimbursed once monies arrive from the State. Pending AEA closeout approval, was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by J. Brady, motion carried.

- F. **A MOTION** to make a payment to Ashley Hogan for up to \$10,000 from the County Septic Grant program once finalized paperwork is approved was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by P. VanLare, motion carried.
- G. **A MOTION** to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event and SEQR related applications scheduled for Saturday, November 9 was made by P. VanLare, seconded by P. Stoep, motion carried
- H. **A MOTION** to approve costs related to Kelly attending the November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Administrative Conference in Saratoga Springs was make by P. Stoep, seconded by J. Brady, motion carried.
- I. **A MOTION** to approve the purchase of a raffle item to donate to NYACD up to \$100 was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by J. Brady, motion carried.
- J. **A MOTION** to approve having Ron and Ian participate in the CCA NE Conference virtual and/or in person in Syracuse November 19-20 and December 10-11 for up to \$400 was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by J. Brady, motion carried.
- K. **A MOTION** to approve Ron shopping for a replacement pickup truck was made by L. Chatfield, seconded by P. VanLare, motion carried.
- L. **A MOTION** to approve a Holiday Party and have Kelly get estimates for next month's meeting was made by P. VanLare, seconded by P. Stoep, motion carried.
- M. **A MOTION** to move to executive session at 10:15 was made by P. Stoep, seconded by J. Brady, motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

- A. **A MOTION** was made by L. Chatfield to adjourn the meeting at 10:25, seconded by P. VanLare, motion carried.
- B. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office 7312 Route 31, Lyons NY, 14489.