

## Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Regular Meeting – January 25, 2017

Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District  
10 Leach Road Lyons NY 14489

### Present:

Scott DeRue (SWCD)  
Beth Claypoole (CCE)  
Michael Walker (SWCD)  
Dave McDowell (Save Our Sodus)  
Ed Leroux (Save Our Sodus)  
Kate DesJardin (FLI-FLPRISM)  
Ron Thorn (SWCD)  
Lindsey Gerstenslager (SWCD)  
Ora Rothfuss (Wayne County Economic Development & Planning)  
Mark Humbert (SWCD)  
Dave Scudder (Save Our Sodus, SBIA)  
Patty Wakefield-Brown (FLI-FLPRISM)  
Cathy Comfort (SWCD)

**Call to order @ 9:00 am**

### Approval of Agenda

#### ➤ Additional topics added:

- FLPRISM-water chestnut field crew update
- FLPRISM-Patty Wakefield-Brown; new to the program will be leading outreach and education especially in giant hogweed and water chestnut

Introductions were made all around.

**A MOTION** was made to approve the agenda by D. McDowell seconded by E. Leroux; carried.

**A MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting by E. Leroux seconded by D. McDowell; carried.

### WQCC Organizational Roles

- #### ➤ S. DeRue stated that he has been the Chair for 4 years and is looking for suggestions for someone to serve as his successor. S. DeRue stated he will continue to organize and send meeting documents as needed and will assist where possible. E. Leroux stated that he would be willing to fill this roll. O. Rothfuss stated that he is willing to stay on as Vice Chair.

D. McDowell nominated E. Leroux as the Chair of the WQCC for the 2017-2018 term seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

D. McDowell nominated O. Rothfuss as the Vice-Chair of the WQCC for the 2017-2018 term seconded by M. Humbert; carried.

Treasurer; B. Claypoole moved the nominations be closed and the secretary cast one ballot.

### **Introduction to Engaged Cornell**

- B. Claypoole stated that she and L. Gerstenslager attended an informational session on Engaged Cornell; a renewing and expanding commitment to Cornell's "Knowledge with a public purpose". B. Claypoole stated that there are faculty and students involved with 4 projects in the Wayne Co. area and L. Gerstenslager has an additional student that has contacted her with a project that is in the proposal stages; letters of intent have been sent in and proposals are due March 15, 2017. Project subjects include attitude toward environmental regulations, GIS mapping, and new college course development in hydrology
- L. Gerstenslager stated that WQCC should be outlining needs for future projects that could be completed through Engaged Cornell.

### **2017 FLOWPA Funding**

- L. Gerstenslager showed the group the template for FLOWPA 16/17 funding and suggested budgeting usage of funds for the planning of lakeshore levels from the effect of Plan 2014. L. Gerstenslager stated that one of the ideas she wanted to present was a landowner assistance program the District would run and would coordinate with Sea Grant. The idea would be to identify each homeowner's associations individual questions and compile this information into a complete needs assessment. The resulting information would be brought to the County Supervisors and State Legislatures for guidance with lake properties and Plan 2014.
- E. Leroux stated that this is a good idea as it will cover most geography.
- D. McDowell stated it will be good to hear others concerns.
- L. Gerstenslager reminded the group that FLOWPA funding for 14/15 needed to be closed first and that there was still \$5,000 to spend.

### **Funding Opportunity - Electronic Waste Assistance Grant**

- D. Scudder introduced an application for e-waste grant funding. Discussion was had throughout the group that this would be a good future project. L. Gerstenslager stated that FLOWPA funding could be used for shared funding, however the County would have to write for the grant.

**A MOTION** was made for O. Rothfuss to address the recommendation with the County to see if there would be an interest in collaboration of this event by D. Scudder seconded by D. McDowell; carried.

### **Stormwater Assessments-How to Get Started**

D. McDowell requested guidance on application for funding opportunities. L. Gerstenslager stated that there was recently a grant for a study and she will assist him to see what is available now. M. Humbert inquired what would be needed for a county-wide assessment. L. Gerstenslager stated that the MS4 Minimum Measures could be used as a guide. D. McDowell asked if there were any sample grants that could be used as guides for the process. L. Gerstenslager stated that her main concern is this needs to be a county level engineering position for CFA Funding. O. Rothfuss stated this will need to be brought to the County Supervisors for interest across the County.

### **Needs Assessment for Water Quality Projects**

L. Gerstenslager explained a handout entitled Community Planning Assessment and stated that this needs to be taken back to respective committees and returned. O. Rothfuss stated that there is a need to plan for grant resiliency money for Plan 2014.

### **Other Business**

#### **Updates from FLPRISM-Kate DesJardin**

- They have an opportunity to utilize a pontoon boat this season; they are looking for suggestions for locked storage locations. Contact information for Katlynn Marine will be shared.
- Two Invasive Species Control grants have been applied for:
  - Hydrilla
  - Starry Stonewort
- August 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a participation for a survey for Starry Stonewort; Contact Hilary Mosher.
- FLPRISM subcontract bid should be out next month.
- Watercraft Stewards inspected 45,000 boats in 2016.
- FL Institute looking to expand fluoroprobe work and looking at the relationship of nutrients and benthic algae and HAB's.
- FL Institute is renovating its 1<sup>st</sup> floor space to increase lab capacity.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> is NYS Invasive Awareness Week.

**A MOTION** to adjourn was made by M. Humbert at 10:45 am.

**Next Meeting March 22, 2017 at 9:00 at the SWCD Conference Room 10 Leach Road Lyons NY.**