

Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 23, 2016

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

Present:

Scott DeRue (SWCD)
Kevin Rooney (Wayne County Highway)
Ora Rothfuss (Wayne County Planning)
Dave Scudder (Save Our Sodus)
Elizabeth Claypoole (CCE Wayne)
Lindsey Gerstenslager (SWCD)
Cathy Comfort (SWCD)

Call to order @ 9:05 am

Approval of Agenda

Additional topics added at this time:

- D. Scudder- Weed Harvesting and Invasives
- L. Gerstenslager- Summary of DEC Projects

A MOTION was made to approve the agenda by O. Rothfuss, seconded by D. Scudder; carried.

Approval of Minutes from January Meeting:

A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the January 2016 meeting by E. Claypoole seconded by O. Rothfuss; carried.

WQCC Special Projects Request(s)

- S. DeRue presented the committee with a project request for a Linear Analysis of Water Quality in Fairville Creek (see attached addendum); he further explained to the group that he is requesting \$2500 from the FLOWPA 15 Special Project to fund the fees and report preparation.

A MOTION was made to approve the expenditure of FLOWPA 15 Special Project funds to pay for lab analysis fees and report preparation for the Linear Analysis of Water Quality in Fairville Creek up to the amount of \$2500 by D. Scudder seconded by K. Rooney; carried.

- L. Gerstenslager stated that would leave approximately \$1900 remaining with possible ideas being:
 - PBIA inquired about Invasive Species Boxes
 - T. Caprilla (former SWCD Board member) inquiry about Clyde River cleanup around park - E. Claypoole suggested that there is a group in that area called SOAR to be contacted for assistance.
- L. Gerstenslager reminded the committee that now is the time to start planning for the FLOWPA 16/17 grant expenditures.

Watershed Mini Grant Applications

- L. Gerstenslager advised the committee that there was approximately \$2900 left in the Watershed Mini Grant and that 3 more applications had been received while only 2 qualified. L. Gerstenslager further explained that both of the qualifying applications were from the Town of Walworth; the 1st for the Red Creek Area at a cost of over \$19,000 and the 2nd in the Black Creek Area at a cost of over \$9,000. Discussion within the committee was had with the decision of the remaining monies being divided between these projects.

A MOTION was made to utilize the remaining monies from the Watershed Mini Grant to pay for these Projects at the rate of \$1,900 for the Red Creek area and \$1,000 for the Black Creek area by D. Scudder seconded K. Rooney; carried.

Other

- Weed Harvesting- L. Gerstenslager stated that the district typically starts in June depending on need; she added that at this time the District has received approval to purchase a new conveyor and S. DeRue is currently working on this. L. Gerstenslager also stated that the District is waiting on a grant for possible purchase of a smaller harvester for the sole purpose of water chestnut control. D. Scudder stated that SOS/SBIA are following a similar schedule starting in June with training.
- Invasive Species
 - D. Scudder stated that last year SOS and SBIA paid for Launch Stewards and that they will not be repeating them this year as it was determined the boating community is quite knowledgeable about the spread of invasives.
 - L. Gerstenslager stated that USDA/NRCS is in the process of getting funding for Giant Hogweed Control; large patches will be the main focus.
 - E. Claypoole stated that a spring walk similar to the winter walk to identify invasives might be an idea
 - E. Claypoole stated that she has an area that has not been mowed or touched for some time that might be beneficial to look at as a possible demonstration sight.
 - L. Gerstenslager and K. Rooney discussed an Invasive Forum for Highway Personnel for the end of April so it would include Summer Labor.
- DEC
 - L. Gerstenslager advised the group that the DEC closed out the permit for Beachwood; they were happy with the project and ask that the district please continue maintenance. DEC is also happy with the Wickman Blvd project so far as it is progressing.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by K. Rooney at 10:20 am.

Next Meeting May 25, 2016 at 9:00 at the SWCD Conference Room 10 Leach Road Lyons NY.