



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

August 9, 2016

PRESENT: Edward Morgan, Rep At Large
Dennis Kirby, Manager
Katie Sommerfeldt, WQ Technician
John DeFilipps, Leg. Rep.
James Neal, Farm Bureau Rep.
William Eick, Leg. Rep.
Heath Eisele, USDA NRCS
Victor DiGiacomo, NYS SWCC

I. Call To Order: Chairman, Edward Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm for the purpose of conducting routine business.

II. Public Comment Period: No public comment.

IV. Minutes: **Motion** by Eick, second by Neal to accept the minutes as written. **Carried**

V. Treasurer's Report: **Motion** by Neal, second by DeFilipps to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Carried**

VI. Operational Budget vs. Actual: Dennis reported that this is in everyone's packet. Discussed.

VII. Bills & Vouchers: Discussed. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Eick to pay the bills and sign the vouchers. **Carried**

VIII. New Business:

- A. NYACD Annual Meeting and NYSCDEA Administrative/Management Conference: Dennis reported that this is being held in Syracuse on October 18 – 20. He handed out copies of the Agenda. We do not need to go until October 19. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal for Dennis, Judy, and any board member to attend. **Carried**
- B. Jena – 900 hours for 2016-2017: Dennis reported that Jena has worked 450 hours this past year. Her contract is coming to an end and we would like to apply to have her for another year. She would however like to work 900 hours for the next year instead of 450 hours. The cost to us would be \$2,400. **Motion** by Neal, second by Eick to keep Jena on for another year for 900 hours. **Carried**
- C. Poverty Hill Project: Neal recused himself from the meeting. Dennis explained that Neals completed their VTA project. The total cost was \$21,000. Their bid was \$16,500. We would normally pay 75% of the bid amount which is \$12,375. However, we are trying to use up the money in this one FLOWPA contract. To close the contract we need to spend \$13,943.23. We would like permission to pay Neal's this amount to close the contract. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Eick to pay them the \$13,943.23. **Carried**
- D. DEC Tour: Katie reported that she has been working on getting a general permit from DEC. She set up a tour with them on some of our projects that we have worked on. A lot of other Districts have a general permit. She took them to 4 different projects yesterday. She has to come up with a good plan of what we want the general permit to say. We will still have to submit a notice of intent that we are going to start a project and what the project is. She also believes that the Army Corp of Engineers has a similar type of permit. She is going to look into this.
- E. Boom Mower: Dennis reported that the boom mower is broke down. The part has been taken off and taken to Schuknecht for repair. Dennis has looked into purchasing a new boom mower. He has talked to Bentley's and John Deere. They are supposed to be getting prices to him so that he can approach the towns.
- F. Other:
 1. Dennis said he would like to know what we should do for the Legislature this year. Should we do a tour or just a meeting with a presentation. He would like to go back to doing a tour. He explained the projects that we could visit. After the tour we would have dinner. Discussed. It was decided to do a tour on October 26.
 2. Katie reported that she has a farmer that would like his 14 year old daughter to shadow Katie for a day. She is looking at a future in Agriculture. Katie told him that if she were to go out with her they would have to sign something to make us not legally responsible for her. Discussed. It was decided that it was okay for the girl to shadow Katie for a day with the parent's permission.

IX. Old Business:

- A. Fish Sales: Dennis reported that Judy had more people interested in grass carp so we are doing more towards the end of the month.
- B. Fair: Dennis reported that the fair went well.
- C. Grant Project Summary: Katie went over the grant project summary.

X. Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. **District Manager:** Attached.
- B. **USDA, NRCS:** Heath handed out his report and went over the highlights.
- C. **Orleans County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC):** Next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2016.
- D. **NYS SWCC Report:** Victor DiGiacomo's went over the highlights of his attached report.

Next meeting date September 13, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Judy Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer
Date:

Edward Morgan
District Chairman
Date:

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