



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
June 14, 2016

PRESENT: Edward Morgan, Rep At Large
Judy Bennett, Sec./Treas.
Dennis Kirby, Manager
Katie Sommerfeldt, WQ Technician
Megan McAnn, Technician
John DeFilipps, Leg. Rep.
Robert Bills, USDA NRCS
James Neal, Farm Bureau Rep.
John Kast, Rep At Large

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

II. Public Comment Period: No public comment.

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

V. Treasurer's Report: **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast 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 Neal, second by Kast to pay the bills and sign the vouchers. **Carried**

VIII. New Business:

- A. Dental Insurance: Judy reported that Katie asked her to check into getting Dental Insurance. The way it has always been here is that if anyone wanted dental coverage it was the employee's responsibility to pay for it. The cost would be \$22.19 per month for her to have the dental. Everybody does not have to have it. She has decided that she would like to add it at her own expense. Judy reported that she does not want the coverage. Discussed. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kast to add the single dental rider for Katie with it being an added benefit through Soil and Water. Katie will be responsible for contributing the same percentage as she does for Health Insurance. **Carried**
- B. NYACD Division I Meeting: Dennis reported that this is a reminder about the meeting on June 20. We received approval from the directors through emails and phone calls for staff and directors to attend.
- C. FLLOWPA: Katie reported that they have a 20th Anniversary meeting at the end of next month. She passed out a sheet that has the FLLOWPA projects that we plan to work on this year. She explained the projects. Katie reported that she is still working on finding an engineer to work on the stream crossing at Hendel's. She has gotten 2 quotes from engineering firms: \$3500 and \$6000. She is still looking for other possibilities. Morgan responded that he would stop with those 2 quotes with there being quite a difference in price.
- D. AEM Year 11 Report: Megan reported that we hit our goal of \$50,000. She compared the deliverables from the 2015 and 2014. Dennis reported that she will be working on redoing the Tier II's for the fruit farmers that are GAP certified so that we have current ones.
- E. Jackets: Dennis showed the jackets to the Directors. They are \$44.00 with the embroidery on it. For tall or bigger sizes there will be an additional charge of \$2 or \$3. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast to purchase the jackets for directors and staff. **Carried**
- F. Other:
 1. Dennis reported that he did a webinar on culvert assessment. He discussed a new program called WQIP. Part of this is culvert replacement to remove fish passage barriers and prevent flooding. He explained the grant that we could apply for. The webinar was about a training they are going to have. They would like to get the Soil and Water Conservation District's trained to go out and assess the culverts and do a report and put it online. Then when we apply for the grant we can back up the request because we have this assessment. He would like to attend the training along with Katie and Megan. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast for the staff to attend the training. **Carried**

IX. Old Business:

- A. Boom Mower Repair: Dennis reported that the main cylinder was bad. Part C this year is \$16,700 and next year could be \$80,000. At the Manager's meeting they went around and discussed what the districts are going to do with this money. Dennis explained some of these projects. He thought that maybe this is when we could get a new boom mower.
- B. Division Manager's Meeting: They did say that they hope to have the approved list for Round 22 by the end of the month.
- C. Grant Project Summary: Dennis went over the grant project summary.
- D. Computers: Megan reported that she got a new computer from NRCS. Dennis reported that we have the 2 laptops that are not on the NRCS system. He was trying to download something on the one laptop and got a virus. He had to take that one in to get it fixed. In the process the repair shop suggested to buy this one anti-virus software for \$60 a year for one computer and then \$10 for each additional computer. We would also like to get a laser printer for Judy to use for printing checks. The computer store in Medina has one for sale for \$135. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Kast to have the anti-virus installed on the laptops and to purchase a laser printer. **Carried**
- E. Other:
 - 1. Katie reported that the tile numbers are up. We are almost at what we did last year.

X. Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. **District Manager:** Attached.
- B. **USDA, NRCS:** Bills reported that they are winding up fiscal year 16. Some money has been deferred for fiscal year 17 for the initiatives. Our CSP applications ranked 30th and 32nd. Ours are not ranking high enough to get funded.
- C. **Orleans County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC):** Dennis reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 11. Jena Buckwell will give a presentation on the UnBottle Campaign.
- D. **NYS SWCC Report:** No report at this time.

Next meeting date July12, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Judy Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer
Date:

Edward Morgan
District Chairman
Date: