



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
May 10, 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.
William Eick, Leg. Rep.
Robert Bills, USDA NRCS
James Neal, Farm Bureau Rep.
Jena Buckwell, AmeriCorps

I. Call To Order: Chairman, Edward Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm for the purpose of conducting routine business.

II. Public Comment Period: No public comment.

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

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

VIII. New Business:

- A. Extension of Round 18 Ag NPS Contract: Dennis reported that this grant involves the covered feedlots. We do know for sure that Bob VanWuyckhuysen and Richard Beam are moving ahead. Darryl Sommerfeldt says he also plans to complete his project. This contract ends September 1, 2016. We would like to apply for an extension until September 1, 2017. Motion by Neal, second by DeFilipps to apply for the extension of 1 year. **Carried**
- B. Region 1 District Managers Meeting – Batavia June 9, 2016: Dennis reported that the Directors are also welcome to attend this meeting. It does qualify for performance measures for attending meetings.
- C. WNY Soil Health Alliance Workshop, June 30 – Elba: Dennis reported that this workshop is 9 – noon at the Elba Firehall. There is a speaker and then a farmer panel.
- D. AEM Year 11 Close Out: Megan reported that we closed out AEM Year 11 on Friday. We hit our goal of \$50,000.
- E. Other:
 1. Katie reported that we went out to talk to David Nenni from the Village of Holley DPW. They discussed some projects to be completed at Holley Falls. They would like to do some streambank stabilization. She explained how the bank has been eroded out. Katie helped him with filling out the permit application for DEC on this project.
 2. Katie was wondering if we could look into getting jackets with the Soil and Water logo embroidered on it. Discussed. It was decided to look into this and bring back prices to the next meeting.
 3. Katie reported that we have 4 grassed waterways and a filter strip going in. The grassed waterways are with Collyer and Downey. We have some forms that need to be signed through FSA because some of the funding for these projects is coming from the CREP program. Motion by Neal, second by DeFilipps to sign the agreements with FSA. **Carried**
 4. Discussed the stream crossing for Hendel. At this point, the NRCS Engineer says that he is not qualified for this size stream crossing. This means that Hendel might have to hire a private engineer. At this point it is at the State NRCS engineer to be looked at. Morgan mentioned that Tim Hens is an engineer that works with the highway departments and he could be one that we might be able to work with.

IX. Old Business:

- A. Tree Sale: Judy reported that we sold 5,305 trees and donated 25 Concolor Fir to the Village of Holley. We had a few trees left over at the end of our tree sale and Niagara County took them and sold all of them except for the 25 concolor fir. Once Niagara County pays us for those trees we will have made \$2,083.93 on the tree sale this year.
- B. Annual Audit: We thought this was going to get done this morning, but Eick ended up having to work. They will contact Judy with another date to get this done.
- C. Grant Project Summary: Dennis went over the grant project summary. The only thing new to report the month is that VanWuyckhuysen has given us his engineered drawings for his covered feedlot for Round 18.
- D. Boom Mower Repair Quotes: Morgan reported that we got a second bid for the boom mower repair. Judy reported that the quote from Corfu Machine was \$6,450.00 and the new quote from Lee Shuknecht is \$3,665.22. **Motion** by Neal, second by DeFilippis to have Lee Shuknecht do the repair. **Carried**
- E. Other:
 - 1. Jena handed out her moving forward plan for the Unbottle Orleans and explained that she plans on doing some presentations to groups throughout the county. **Motion** by Neal, second by DeFilippis to support the Unbottle Orleans effort. **Carried**
 - 2. Judy reported that the Envirothon was held last week. Lyndonville was the winners for Orleans County again this year with on a 23 point difference from Kendall's top team. Lyndonville is having some issues with her students this year and may have to let Kendall take their place at the NYS Envirothon. Judy also reported that GM gave a donation of \$5,000 to the Envirothon this year. We had to spend the entire amount this year. We do not know if this is going to continue or if this was a one-time deal.
 - 3. Katie reported that we are working on some tile jobs. They are working on an 80 acre field right now and have a couple more big jobs lined up.

X. Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. **District Manager:** Attached.
- B. **USDA, NRCS:** No Report.
- C. **Orleans County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC):** A meeting was held, but there were no new developments.
- D. **NYS SWCC Report:** Victor DiGiacomo's Report is attached.

Next meeting date June 14, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Judy Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer
Date:

Edward Morgan
District Chairman
Date: