



ORLEANS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
November 10, 2015

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

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 comments.

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

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

V. Operational Budget vs. Actual: Dennis reported that this is in everyone's packet. There is also the 2016 budget in the packet. Dennis explained.

VI. Bills & Vouchers: **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal to pay the bills and sign the vouchers. **Carried**

VII. New Business:

- A. NYS Soil Health Working Group: Dennis reported that this is a group that was put together of people from all across the state. They are having a meeting on November 24 and he would like to go. It will be held in Canandaigua. Morgan would like Dennis to send him the information and he might attend. **Motion** by Kast, second by Neal for staff and directors to attend this meeting. **Carried**
- B. Boom Mower Operator Bill: Dennis reported that we have this bill to pay in the amount of \$6,000. There is also a tire that has to be replaced. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kast to pay the \$6,000. **Carried**
- C. Slashbuster Bill: Judy reported that we also have this bill in the amount of \$6,000. Discussed. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kast to pay the \$6,000. **Carried**
- D. Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting: Judy reported that this is on December 1st. The cost is \$15 per person. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal for staff and directors to attend. **Carried**
- E. NYS Retirement Annual Contribution: Judy reported that she just received this through email. If we pay this by December 15 we will save \$200. **Motion** by Kast, second by Neal to pay the \$20,533 in December. **Carried**
- F. Other:
 1. Megan reported that she got job approval for 500 square feet of Heavy Use Area. She is working on getting it for a stream crossing also.
 2. Katie went to a couple of trainings on shoreline protection. One was in the Town of Carlton and the other one was in Rochester. They talked a lot about the permitting process and the green process. She explained.
 3. Katie reported that the total tile numbers have gone up this year. We don't actually survey all of it, but we put out the gauge flags.
 4. Discussed State Reimbursement and how we can make sure that we can maximize that reimbursement.
 5. Discussed permit assistance and charges for it.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Legislature "Tour": Dennis reported that we had talked about trying to put one together for this month. The dates we had just would not work out. Dennis talked to Morgan and they decided to invite the legislators to our Annual Meeting.
- B. FL-LOWPA:

1. Judy reported that we received a bill for membership dues in the amount of \$100. Discussed. **Motion** by DeFilipps, second by Neal to pay the membership dues. **Carried**
 2. Dennis reported that we are ready to close out the FLOWPA 11-12 contract.
- C. Grant Project Summary: Attached. Dennis explained the updates.
- D. Other:
1. Discussed the date of the Annual Meeting. It was decided to have our Annual Meeting on Friday, January 15, 2016 at the Village Inn.
 2. Discussed the next meeting date. It was decided to change it to December 2 at 12:00 pm.

IX. Cooperating Agency Reports:

- A. **District Manager:** Attached.
- B. **District Conservationist:** Heath Eisele's report is attached.
- C. **Orleans County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC):** Dennis reported that they met earlier this month. There is probably going to be some concern in the future as to the water quality that is coming out of tile lines. There are LIDAR maps that have been done recently for Orleans County. These maps are not available to us yet.
- D. **NYS SWCC Report:** Victor DiGiacomo went over the highlights of his attached report.

Next meeting date December 2, 2015 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Judy Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer
Date:

Edward Morgan
District Chairman
Date: