

Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2024

5:15 pm PowerPoint presentation by Sarah Trick on the Sandy Creeks 9E Plan

Directors present at the District office, 25451 State Route 12, Watertown, NY: Jason Bast, David Brass, Chuck Eastman, Dan McBride, and Jim Nabywaniec Others: ERS George Birth, Jonathan Crast, and Sarah Trick; Executive Director, Patrick Crast, and Administrative Assistant, Rhonda Redder. Absent: Tom Boxberger and Mike Kiechle Guest: Dick Company (Pending Board appointment as Grange representative)

Chairman Bast called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. ***Director Eastman moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion seconded by Director Brass. Carried.***

I REPORTS

Financial: March financial reports were reviewed; claims and bank statements were available. Open invoices total: \$186,644.83. First quarter Profit & Loss 2023 comparison was reviewed along with the Quarterly Grant Report for the first quarter of 2024. ***Director Brass moved to approve the financial reports and sign the Itemized Disbursements Report \$142,928.44; seconded by Director Eastman. Carried.***

Cooperating Agencies

SWCC - Ryan: Written report distributed and sent to board prior to the meeting.

CCE: Written report distributed.

NYACD, FSA, JCADC, NRCS: No report

Director Reports:

Eastman: Attended the Ag Workshop at the Gathering Barn on April 3. There was good attendance, and it was very informative. SWCD did a nice job of putting it together.
(*We worked collaboratively with Jenifer Wightman from Cornell.*)

II CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Eastern Shore Associates Insurance Agency: Refund
- B. SWCC: State rates
- C. NACD & NYACD
- D. IRLC
- E. Jefferson County Administrator: Grange appointment*
- F. NYS DOL
- G. Jefferson County: Legislator appointment
- H. Ag Workshop – Thank you to presenters*

III OLD BUSINESS

- A. Soil Group Worksheet Policy: ***Director Brass moved to approve a revised Soil Group Worksheet policy and to amend the Annual Plan to coincide with the changes. Motion seconded by Director Eastman. Carried.***

IV NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accounts Receivable Policy: *Director Brass moved to approve the revision to the Accounts Receivable policy. Motion seconded by Director Eastman. Carried.*
- B. Round 24: *Director Eastman moved to accept the request of the landowner to cancel contract # C701364; further, SWCD cancels the agreement, and the funds will be returned to NYS. Motion seconded by Director Brass. Carried.*
- C. Round 26: *Director Eastman moved to accept the request of the landowner to cancel contract # C701418; further, SWCD cancels the agreement, and the funds will be returned to NYS less time earned by SWCD. Motion seconded by Director Brass. Carried.*
- D. AEM: We will receive \$200,000 to implement projects by 12/31/2025. Last year we received over 20 applications, and each was ranked according to various factors. Each practice addresses a resource concern and must be implemented in accordance with NRCS standards. If additional funds remain after the completion of the following projects, we will report back with the intention of completing another project on the ranked list.
 - 1. Resolution #2024-2, AEM Farm #045-6011, BMP: small waste storage and transfer system with a prescribed rotational grazing system and stream crossing for a goat farm.
 - 2. Resolution #2024-3, AEM Farm #045-5128, BMP: erosion control system – structural, stream crossing for a fruit/vegetable farm.
 - 3. Resolution #2024-4, AEM Farm #045-6013, BMP: erosion control system – structural, diversion for a vineyard.
 - 4. Resolution # 2024-5, AEM Farm #045-6000, BMP: fence and riparian buffer system for a pork/beef farm.

Director Brass moved to approve AEM Resolutions #2024-2 through 2024-5 as described above. Motion seconded by Director Eastman. Carried.

- E. ERS Appraisal

Director Bast moved to enter executive session at 6:29 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Motion seconded by Director McBride. Carried. With no further business Jonathan Crast, George Birth, and Sarah Trick left at 6:29 pm. With no action taken, executive session ended at 6:49 pm.

Director Brass moved to authorize step 3 for ERS Trick effective 4/15/2024. Motion seconded by Director Eastman. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm by Chairman Bast.

Next meeting: May 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm

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