

Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2024

Jonathan Crast gave a presentation on the spring tree plantings: Part B and Wetland Restoration Project.

Directors present at the District office, 25451 State Route 12, Watertown, NY: Tom Boxberger, Dick Campany, Mike Kiechle, Dan McBride, and Jim Nabywaniec. Others: Abigail Jantzi, CCE; Jonathan Crast, Forester; Sarah Trick, ERS; and Rhonda Redder, Administrative Assistant. Present virtually: Patrick Crast, Executive Director
Absent: Jason Bast, Chuck Eastman

Secretary Kiechle called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm. *Director McBride moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion seconded by Director Nabywaniec. Carried.*

I REPORTS

Financial: April financial reports were reviewed; claims and bank statements were available. Open invoices total: \$89,300. *Director Boxberger moved to approve the financial reports and sign the Itemized Disbursements Report of \$69,414.57; seconded by Director Nabywaniec. Carried.*

Cooperating Agencies

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

NYACD, JCADC & NRCS: No report

CCE - Abbey: Provided an update on the North Country Regional Ag Team and reviewed the open positions available in Jefferson County. Upcoming programs/workshops were reviewed.

FSA: Mary Jane Scoville is retiring at the end of the year; the vacancy is listed on USA Jobs, and it was shared on our Facebook page.

Director Reports:

Kiechle: Farm Bureau is pleased with the state budget being favorable to ag. They are taking precautions to deal with the bird flu (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza).

II CORRESPONDENCE

*Outgoing

- A. WSB Inactive accounts (2)
- B. IRLC: Community Programs – Water Quality Conference: June 7
- C. Jefferson County: Board resolution for the appointment of Dick Campany
- D. FLOWPA: 2023 close out
- E. David Brass: Service appreciation*

III OLD BUSINESS

- A. Executive Director: Job announcement has been shared to our website, Facebook, and Conservation Jobs website; application deadline is June 28. Directors Boxberger and Kiechle agreed to continue as members of the hiring committee.

IV NEW BUSINESS

- A. Breach Notification Policy: **Director Boxberger moved to adopt the proposed Breach Notification Policy. Motion seconded by Director Campany. Carried.**
- B. St. Lawrence MOU Amendment: No action
- C. Climate Resilient Farming (CRF): We are seeking proposed projects; applicants must choose one of six tracks (Flyer to be released tomorrow). **Director Boxberger moved to establish June 4, 2024, as the CRF 8 application deadline. Motion seconded by Director Nabywaniec. Carried.**
- D. AEM Leopold: The qualifications of the nominee were reviewed; this candidate has participated in AEM and voluntarily implemented conservation practices. **Director Boxberger moved to nominate Farm # 045-4034 for the AEM Leopold Award. Motion seconded by Director Nabywaniec. Carried.**

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned by Secretary Kiechle at 6:12 pm.

Next meeting: June 10, 2024, at 5:30 pm

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