

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7pm
Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

Directors:

Bill Wood, Dave Dunn
Ralph Child, Don Dabiew
Thomas Derouchie, Carl Sherwin

Staff:

Chastity Miller
Karen Armstrong
Kristin Ballou

Other Agencies:

Tricia LaValley
Matt Powers

Meeting began at 7:04pm-Quorum present. Called to order by Ralph Child

Welcomed Tricia LaValley back to Malone! She transferred to NY from VT as our new Soil Conservationist with USDA.

- 1.) Approval of last board meeting minutes July 26, 2016. **Approved** 1st T. Derouchie 2nd D. Dunn; all in favor-carried
- 2.) Financial Reports:
 - a.) Financial Reports were reviewed and **approved** 1st D. Dabiew, 2nd C. Sherwin; all in favor-carried.
 - b.) Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed and **approved** 1st B. Wood, 2nd T. Derouchie, all in favor- carried.
 - c.) Permission to transfer. \$182.34 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement, \$1,500.00 from regular checking to retirement savings **Approved** 1st B. Wood, 2nd D. Dabiew, all in favor-Carried

3.) Reports

Matt- NRCS

- EQIP: 1 project is in construction and all other are waiting on engineering
- WRE: 5 projects are currently under construction. 1 is complete, 1 is rolled over to 2017 and 2 new easements are being surveyed
- GRP: 1 project is finished while 2 projects are on going
- CRP: 1 project with on-going construction at this time.

Jennifer-FSA – written report

- Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program deadline for 2017 is September 1, 2016 and November 20, 2016
- Margin Protection Program for Dairy enrollment is due by September 30, 2016

Bob Brower- NYS Ag and Markets and SWCC – written report

- Performance Measures has a new revised policy. Due annually in Albany by February 15th. If submitted by the due date and if any of the required information on the form is determined to be unclear or insufficient to make a determination, the District employee who certified the accuracy of the report will be notified and provided 3 business days to provide clarification or more information.
- 2016 AEM Award winner was Wickham's Fruit Farm in Suffolk County
- NY Great Lakes Small Grants Program is requesting proposals for projects up to \$25,000. The District is thinking of applying to get signage for Deer River Flow, Chateaugay Lake, Mt. View and Lake Titus.

Kristin:

- Attended AEM Tier 2 training and did site visits and evaluations
- Helped with the Fair
- RCPP: Started inventories and will begin plans shortly

- Delivered and taught contractor the proper use of Hydroseeder
- Continuing stream crossing and shoreline permits as they come in
- Planning on continuing

Karen:

- Completed taxes for the month and retirement
- Attended AEM Tier 2 training
- Helped with the Fair
- Attended Ag expo meeting
- Cleaning up water testing information
- Looking into filling W-2 online
- Looking to update hydroseeder policy
- Will be reaching out to the Grange to see who they want to be on our board. D. Dunn said he is willing to stay on!

4.) District Managers Report:

- AG NPS RD 18: Received letter stating this grant was closed out. Waiting for final payment.
- AG NPS RD 19: One landowner is complete and everything is looking great with the VTA. Second landowner is complete working on collecting bills.
- AG NPS RD 20: Landowner is working on engineering
- AG NPS RD 23: Planning has begun for the next round
- Submitted 3 CFA grants on July 31st
- Still waiting for the Urban Forestry Grant to come out.
- Hydroseeding CFA: Waiting for highway department to complete their projects before we can begin to hydroseed. Kristin is selecting sites for CWICNY WQIP funding for hydroseeding
- Bill King memorial park: There is now public interest! Will be meeting September 1st to discuss plans.
- Ag Land Protection: Will be a public meeting September 1st
- Planning to finish grants for the Village of Malone asap.
- Interns were able to complete culvert surveys for Constable and Chateaugay. Kristin supervised this project.

5.) Correspondents: Aquacide Company, New Life Nursery, Inc, Inside Agroforestry, Nuggets and Nibbles, Engel's Nursery, DSS Invite for Fall Family Fest, NYACD Annual meeting registration, NYACD email stating who has and has not paid dues or partial dues, Jennifer Clifford, There will be a review of part C, Rd 18 is closed out

6.) New Business:

- Bill welcomed back Trish LaValley from Vermont NRCS back to New York State NRCS.
- After studying the current financial situation, Chastity asked that the board transfer \$30,000.00 from main checking to equipment to help cover cost for a purchase of a new vehicle and/or no-till drill. **APPROVED.** 1st D. Dabiew, 2nd B. Wood; all in favor, Carried.
- Due to staff being at training. The next board meeting set for September 27 has been canceled. Due to that Karen requested the following for pre approvals. 3rd quarter insurance stipend: \$1080.00, Medical \$1432.53, Dental \$52.68, National <\$40.00, Gas: <\$200.00, Printer Lease: \$99.06. **APPROVED** 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd T. Derouchie all in favor carried.

7.) Old Business:

- None at this time

Next meeting will be on Tuesday October 25 @ 7pm at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm 1st D. Dabiew 2nd D. Dunn, all in favor-carried

Respectfully,

Karen Armstrong/ Chastity Miller
Secretary/ District Manager