

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7pm
Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

Directors:

Bill Wood, Dave Dunn
Ralph Child
Thomas Derouchie

Staff:

Chastity Miller
Karen Armstrong
Zach Fleury
April Gokey

Other Agencies:

Bob Brower-Ag. & Markets
Amber Paice-NYACD

Meeting began at 7:00pm-Quorum present. Called to order by Bill Wood

- 1.) Amber Paice Executive Director of NYACD attended the meeting to discuss what needs the District has and how NYACD could be of assistance with those needs. As of now, NYACD is trying to help pass legislation that would benefit Districts across NYS and is an educational organization. Meetings are held once a month via conference call and minutes are located on their website. It was asked what membership dues for NYACD go towards. Amber responded that dues are used for staff time and travel to events for NYACD like legislative days and the annual NYACD meeting held in the fall. It was also requested that more information be provided to Districts about what NYACD will be doing and not what they have done. Another request was made so that more contact with the NYACD Directors and Districts happen. A membership to NYACD is \$1,500.00 which gives a District the right to vote on propositions NYACD wants to bring up to the Legislature. Paying the dues was tabled until more board members were present.
- 2.) Approval of last board meeting minutes May 23, 2016. **Approved** 1st R. Child, 2nd T. Derouchie; all in favor-carried
- 3.) Financial Reports:
 - a.) Financial Reports were reviewed and **approved** 1st T. Derouchie, 2nd R. Child; all in favor-carried.
 - b.) Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed and **approved** 1st D. Dunn, 2nd T. Derouchie, all in favor- carried.
 - c.) Permission to transfer. \$295.74 from NARE to regular checking, \$147.36 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement, \$1,500.00 from regular checking to retirement savings **Approved** 1st T. Derouchie, 2nd R. Child, all in favor-Carried
- 4.) Reports
 - Matt- NRCS:
 - EQIP: 2 high tunnels, FMP and AgEMP underway.
 - 1 livestock waste design is up for review with NRCS engineer. Others still in engineering
 - AMA: 1 application was pre-approved, should be approved and obligated
 - WRE: 4 projects currently under construction, one to be complete tomorrow.
 - 5th project to start mid-July. Currently in negotiations for two additional easements.
 - GRP: Currently NRCS FO is designing grassed waterway for installation
 - 2 other projects currently installing fence and pipelines.
 - CRP: 1 project with on-going construction at this time. Well installation to begin soon, pipeline design can then be finished and installed.
 - Currently 23 application pending for FY 2017
 - Bob Brower
 - 2 new members were introduced to the SWCC. Ronald Montessi as the NYACD representative and Darren Hickling as the Farm Bureau representative

- NYSDEC is looking at new regulation for silage bunkers of a limit of 1,000 tires per bunk the tires would need to be halved and holes put into the tire. At this time Farm Bureau is fighting back on this.
- State Committee investigating relocation of bunk systems
- The rank list for Rd. 22 should be out very soon. Due to the way ranking fell, Franklin County was not high enough for any applications to be selected. Clinton and Essex County ranked in the top 10.
- Due to Cliff Frasier retirement, Bob will be picking up 4 of the counties that Cliff has covered. He now covers all of the Upper Hudson, CWICNY and most of the St. Lawrence.
- AEM will now be doing closeouts.
- Rd 23 will be released in December, about the same time frame.

Kristin:

- AEM: Tier 3 Grazing plan has been submitted to Ag and Markets for review. Tier 5a site visits and plan write-ups are ongoing. Tier 2 site visits and evaluations are ongoing as well.
- Attended NYS Envirothon, Saranac Lake for a EM River Demonstration/Presentation to elementary school and did a presentation to the Tupper Lake girl scouts for their tree id badge
- Will begin working on forest management plans for RCPP
- Will be attending the leadership conference mid-July

Zach:

- Attended state envirothon
- Helped with EM River Demonstration/presentation
- Collected willow stakes and plan to plant them in Tupper Lake
- Hiked the Rec. Park up stream to investigate and see what information could be gathered to help the Village with their dredging project
- Culvert surveys

April:

- Went on an AEM visit
- Have been culvert surveying with Zach
- Gathered information for camp programming
- Updated contractors list
- Plan on doing more AEM visits, hydroseeding and culvert surveying
- Relabeling all the office stuff with new phone #.

Karen:

- Completed quarterly taxes
- Wrapped up NARE
- Processed April as a new employee and registered her for NYS Retirement
- Worked on Ag District information to present to the ag land protection board
- Monitored Ag. NPS Rd 19 site while other staff was away
- Assisted Chastity and Kristin with projects as they came up

5.) District Managers Report:

- AG NPS RD 18: Paperwork is ready for closeout! Need to set up appointment to closeout.
- AG NPS RD 19: One landowner is complete other is planning on being complete by July 2016. Helping engineer by taking bi-weekly photos of the project to help keep cost down for the landowner. Project is moving nicely. Interns and Karen have been documenting progress for engineer.
- AG NPS RD 20: Landowner is working on engineering
- AG NPS RD 22: Submitted 4 applications. Have recalled one application due to the landowner receiving EQIP and wanted to proceed with the project immediately. At this point does not look like

any applications will be funded we were to far down on the ranking. Going to have Bob take a look at it.

- 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
- ATV: Members are working on acquiring easements.
- Bill King memorial park: Zach is working on developing plans for public comment- posted to Facebook for public comment.
- Ag Land Protection: Meeting set for July 20, 2016 at 7pm at the office.
- Working with NYSDOS on plan for Watershed Management Plan for SLRWP, Town of Belmont and Mountain Lake Association projects.
- Assisting with Rec park dredging project and core sampling information
- State Envirothon: Essex County placed 11th in the state. Franklin Academy represented our county at the event.
- Planning to finish grants for the Village of Malone asap.

6.) Correspondents: Grassroots, Van Pines, ESRI, Lake Restoration Incorporated, Aquacide Co., Lead NY, Forestry Notes, Muddy Brook Farm, DSS did not receive funding from youth bureau and thank you from NYS Alt. Dairy Princess for our support at the Franklin County Legislator meeting

7.) New Business:

- Karen requested that NYS Deferred be processed by ACH versus sending a check weekly. A motion was made by **T. Derouchie** and **2nd by R. Child all in favor passed**
- EnviroCert International Inc will be offering a CPESC Review course on July 31st to prep for the CPESC exam. The cost is \$425.00. Motion made by **D. Dunn** to send Chastity, **2nd by T. Derouchie all in favor carried.**
- County Manager has requested allocation request be in by August 2nd. Chastity hopes to have a draft by the next meeting to present to the board.
- Denis Egan has some hydroseeder supplies he is willing to sell to the district. After discussion the board felt like \$50.00 would be a good price to pay for the supplies **1st B. Wood and 2nd by R. Child all in favor carried.**

8.) Old Business: None to report

Next meeting will be on Tuesday July 26 @ 7pm at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm 1st D. Dunn 2nd T. Derouchie, all in favor-carried

Respectfully,

Karen Armstrong/ Chastity Miller
Secretary/ District Manager