

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7pm
Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

Directors:

William Wood, Ralph Child
David Vincent, David Dunn
Thomas Derouchie

Staff:

Chastity Miller
Karen Armstrong
Kristin Ballou, Allycia Leach

Other Agencies:

Matthew Powers

Meeting began at 7:10pm-Quorum present. Called to order by Bill Wood

- 1.) Approval of last board meeting minutes April 28, 2017 tabled due to a lack of attendees present from the April meeting
- 2.) Financial Reports:
 - a.) Financial Reports were reviewed and **approved** 1st D. Vincent, 2nd R. Child; all in favor-carried.
 - b.) Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed and **approved** 1st D. Vincent, 2nd T. Derouchie all in favor- carried.
 - c.) Permission to transfer. \$220.28 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement, \$1500.00 from regular checking to retirement savings, \$663.53 from NARE to regular checking for 2017 event **Approved** 1st R. Child, 2nd D. Vincent, all in favor-Carried
- 3.) NRCS
 - FY2016: 1 Livestock to go to construction FY 2017. EQIP high tunnels and CAPS continue and 2016 RCPP contracts are ongoing.
 - GRP: 2 projects are ongoing
 - CRP: 5 out of 7 applications are moving to contract
 - AMA: 5 high tunnel applications were taken. 3 contracts are obligated
 - FY2017 Round 1: 14 EQIP contracts are obligated. 3 RCPP applications have been obligated. Round 2: 1 RCPP contract has been obligated. Round 3: 2 applications and 2 site visit scheduled
 - WRP: 1 restoration project will be starting and 2 sites are requesting repair funds.
 - WRE: 2 easements have closed; surveys will be done this summer.
 - Food Security Act determinations to take place June 5-8th for Franklin, Clinton and Essex
 - Tricia to return from maternity leave on June 19th

Jennifer-FSA (report provided)

 - Farm Storage Facility loans are now available for maple syrup and malted small grains. Here are some ineligible expenses and for more information contact FSA.
 - Acreage reporting deadline is July 15.
 - Ag. Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage signup for 2017 will continue through 8/1/17

Bob Brower- NYS SWCC, Ag and Markets- (report provided)

 - AEM year 13 will begin on May 7th.
 - AEM Year 12 year end close-out must e submitted by July 7th.
 - Managers meeting will be held June 29th in Ray Brook.

Kristin

 - Arbor Day event in Bombay was a success. 21 participants and 4 trees were planted at the park.
 - NAACC: the grant that was applied for was granted!
 - Participated in the local and state envirothon
 - Completed the spring river sampling for part B
 - Working to get Part C projects going
 - Assisting Allycia with AEM

Allycia

- Moving forward with AEM. Working on closing out year 12 and starting year 13. Meeting with framers and completing tier 2.
- Assisted with river sampling
- Participated in Local and state envirothons

Karen

- Collected names and addresses for Town of Belmont to move forward with their CFA to get a permit for the lake
- Wrapped up tree sale and NARE
- Participated in the local envirothon
- Was able to get newsletters out
- Collected information that was needed for the personnel office
- Moving forward for the ag district

4.) District Managers Report:

- WMP Salmon River: completing the paperwork to close out the grant. Going to need to apply for an amendment from NYS SWCC, submitting paperwork to AEA within a week or so.
- Ag NPS Rd 19-23: Working on completing final paperwork to submit to the State.
- Ag NPS Rd 20: Landowner is working with planner to update plan.
- Ag NPS Rd 23: applied for 5 applications with 6 farms involved. Waiting to hear if any applications were accepted
- Completed Phase 1 for the Franklin County Snowmobile grant
- Collecting data for Ag District which is in Full swing during June
- Waiting to hear if District will be awarded for Round 13 Urban Forestry

5.) Correspondents: Grassroots, Ford: recall for 2013 Escape we no longer have, Lake Restoration, Inc, Smith Creek Fish Farm, Aquacide Co., LEAD NY, Inside Agroforestry, Graymont new ownership, Shelter Point, FCSWCD Annual Report 2016.

6.) New Business:

- 2 resolutions were put forth in front on the board. The first is being that if the CWICNY receives funds for a WQIP grant the funds would be housed in Franklin County Soil & Water. 1st D. Vincent made a motion to pass this resolution. 2nd T. Derouchie, passed, all in favor. Carried. The second resolution was for Franklin County Soil & Water to be able to apply for a WQIP for the Town of Franklin. A motion was made by 1st R. Child, 2nd D. Vincent, approved all in favor, carried.
- FCSWCD received a notice stating that the NAACC application for funds for culvert surveying was accepted! The District can voucher for half of the \$10,000.00. A separate bank account will need to be opened to store the funds. A motion from 1st D. Vincent, was made to open the account. 2nd R. Child, approved, all in favor, carried.
- Rec Park and Village of Malone are seeding the score field. The cost of the seed will be around \$1000.00. Te Village of Malone will be paying for it but it may have to go through the District. Looking for approval to have the payment go through the District and reimbursed by the Village of Malone 1st D. Vincent, 2nd T. Derouchie, Approved, all in favor, carried
- After tree sale, some items are needed to be purchased. Karen would like to get the items from Uline. They include staplers, staples, labels and bags. The cost of items will be around \$340.00. 1st D. Vincent made the motion to allow Karen to make these purchases. 2nd T. Derouchie approved, all in favor, carried.
- Tires are needed for the hydroseeder. 2 estimates have been obtained. 1.) Amazon: cost per tire: \$170.00. 2.) County Garage: cost per tire \$166.01. D. Vincent is going to look into Visser Tire in North Lawrence to see if they can beat these prices. A motion put forth from

1st T. Derouchie to purchase 5 tires and not exceed \$1000.00. 2nd D. Vincent, approved, all in favor, carried.

7.) Old Business:

- Round 19-23: The final payment to the landowners will be a total of \$112,237.50. During closeout a voucher for no more than \$102,000.00 will be requested to the State. A motion was made by 1st R. Child, to be able to make a payment to the landowners when funds is received from the State. 2nd T. Derouchie **approved**. All in favor. Carried
- No-Till Drill: It was delivered on May 17, 2017. The policy to use the drill was looked over and approved from the county attorney. After discussion and changes made, 1st D. Vincent made the motion to approve of the policy. 2nd D. Dunn; approved, all in favor Carried.
- The personnel policy has been updated. Copies were provided to all in attendance. Further discussion will happen at the June meeting if need be.
- 5 Landowners have filled out applications for the forest management planning and implementation through part C. After discussion, the Board approved of the plan. 1st D. Vincent, 2nd T. Derouchie all in favored, carried **APPROVED**.
- 4 out of 7 public schools in Franklin County have replied to Kristin in regards to Part C projects for their schools. Some projects include cistern, interpretive nature trail markings and composting.
- Tommy Completed his yearly training that he missed in March due to health issues. The topic he was trained on was NYS Funding.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday June 27 @ 7pm at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm 1st D. Dunn, 2nd D. Vincent, all in favor-carried

Respectfully,

Karen Armstrong/ Chastity Miller
Secretary/ District Manager