

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7pm
Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

Directors:

Dave Dunn, Ralph Child
Bill Wood, Carl Sherwin
Paul Lauzon

Staff:

Chastity Miller
Karen Armstrong

Other Agencies:

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

- 1.) Approval of last board meeting minutes March 28, 2017 1st R. Child, 2nd P. Lauzon, **approved**, All in favor Carried.
- 2.) Financial Reports:
 - a.) Financial Reports were reviewed and **approved** 1st R. Child, 2nd P. Lauzon; all in favor-carried.
 - b.) Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed and **approved** 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd P. Lauzon all in favor-carried.
 - c.) Permission to transfer. \$275.35 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement, \$1,500.00 from regular checking to retirement savings, **Approved** 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd R. Child, all in favor-Carried
- 3.) NRCS (report provided)
 - FY2016: 1 Livestock waste project to go to construction FY 2017. EQIP high tunnels and CAPS continue and 2016 RCPP contracts are ongoing.
 - GRP: 2 projects are ongoing
 - CRP: doing site visits for 7 applications
 - AMA: 3 high tunnel applications were pre-approved
 - FY2017 Round 1: 2 livestock waste applications have gone to review before they will be obligated. 14 EQIP applications have been obligated and 3 RCPP applications have been obligated. This is a total of \$996,000.00 in financial assistance At the current time, Round 2 has 1 RCPP application pre-approved
 - NRCS provided the board with Civil Rights information that was read by all present board members and signed.
- Jennifer-FSA (report provided)
 - Marketing Assistance Loans: deadline for application for 2016 corn or soybean is May 31st. Current interest rate is 2.00%
 - Acreage reporting for spring seeding is May 15th. Corn, oats, barley, soybeans, CRP and most vegetables deadline July 15th.
 - Agricultural Risk Coverage/ Price Loss Coverage: signup for 2017 continues until 8/1/2017
 - USDA Secretary of agriculture: A vote in the senate on April 24th for Sunny Perdue is the last step to appoint him in the position.
- Bob Brower- NYS SWCC, Ag and Markets- (report provided)
 - Ag NPS Rd 23: over 50 million was requested in applications and only 14 million is available in funding.
 - AEM Year 13: The Annual Action plan with budget and timeline is due to the State Committee by May 2nd.
 - AEM Year 12: The year is done on May 6th and closeout paperwork is due by July 7th,
 - April SWCC Meeting is Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 10am.
 - NYS Envirothon is May 24th & 25th
- Kristin (report provided)
 - Working with Allycia on AEM
 - Organizing the Arbor Day event on April 29th
 - Doing water sampling for Part B

- Picked up, delivered and packed trees for tree sale
- Moving forward with Part C preparations for projects and RCPP

Allycia (report provided)

- Updating AEM Tiers and organizing them and sending letters out
- Helped to complete Year 13 action plan for AEM
- Packed trees and handed them out

Karen:

- Picked up, delivered and packed trees for tree sale
- Getting ready for NARE
- Updating mailing list

4.) District Managers Report:

- 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 6 farms involved with 5 applications
- Collecting ag district forms for the June deadline
- Applied for NYS DEC Round 13 Urban forestry grant
- Getting ready for Arbor Day event
- Will be attending NYS CDEA meeting in which will be acting vice-president of the employees association

5.) Correspondents: Lake restoration incorporated, hydrograss corp, aquacade co, ESRI, Forestry suppliers, The Resource, NYS Floodplain and storm water managers association, Chemung Co SWCD, Grassroots, National association of Conservation District, Thank you from CCE ag literacy day, March 2017 letter to partners, NYS ag and markets-Part B, NYS Budget, 2017 annual state fair dues.

6.) New Business:

- NYSCDEA: A second invoice was sent to the office in regards to State Fair booth fee. The fee is \$100.00. A motion was made by 1st D. Dunn and 2nd R. Child; **approved**, all in favor. Carried.

7.) Old Business:

- NYACD: Tabling at the current time
- No-till drill: 3 bids came in and were opened with staff and B. Wood along with D. Vincent. They were opened in the following way. 1st Laberge & Curtis 10 foot, Landall model 5211 2017. \$36,082.00. 2nd Mt View Equipment LLC 10 foot Landall model 5211-10 2017 \$34,490.34. 3rd Dragoon's 10 foot Great Plains model 1006-NT 2017 \$25969.00. After discussion it was decided that the lowest bid from Dragoon's would be what the board will go with. A motion was made by 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd D. Dunn approved, all in favor carried. Karen requested that \$25969.00 be transferred from equipment to checking. 1st P. Lauzon, 2nd C. Sherwin approved, all in favor carried. Discussion on what the No-till policy will have in it happened. Chastity took everyone thoughts and will develop a policy and pass it along to the County Attorney to make sure everything is covered.
- As Chastity Closes out Ag. NPS Rd 19-23, contingency will be asked for. A motion was made to use the contingency. 1st P. Lauzon 2nd C. Sherwin; approved, all in favor. Carried.
- Part C: There are many projects that fall into this category that need to begin so they can be completed before December 31, 2017. The projects chastity has proposed and have been discussed are as followed. Cost share soil health program, no-till drill, soil health workshop, forestry program cost share, school green project, conservation in the community, nitrate testing, invasive species, culvert surveys, drone and iPad. After discussion, 1st C. Sherwin made the motion to follow through with the projects. 2nd P. Lauzon; **approved** all in favor carried

Next meeting will be on Tuesday May 30 @ 7pm at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm 1st P. Lauzon, 2nd D. Dunn, all in favor-carried

Respectfully,

Karen Armstrong/ Chastity Miller
Secretary/ District Manager