

# FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)  
FCSWCD Office, Malone, NY

## Directors:

Bill Wood  
Ralph Child  
Thomas Derouchie  
Dennis Egan

Steve Gokey  
Paul Lauzon  
Justus Martin

## Staff

Chastity Miller  
Kristin Ballou  
Donna Wright  
Devin Normandeau  
Mason Stine

1. Meeting began at 12:00 p.m. - Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Bill Wood.
2. January 17, 2023 Board meeting minutes – Discussed and approved:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Lauzon, all in favor, **carried**.

### 3. Financial Reports (Donna):

Financial Reports were reviewed and approved:

Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> P. Lauzon, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Egan; all in favor, **carried**.

Abstract and Vouchers: were reviewed and approved

Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child; all in favor, **carried**.

Transfer of Funds: were reviewed and approved for the following:

Requested permission to transfer the following for the month of November:

- \$ 307.64 from Reg Checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement (January 2023)
- \$2,000.00 from Regular Checking to Retirement savings (March 2023)
- \$8,700.25 from Reg Checking to AgNPS R26, 16-1 Egan/Staib

Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> R. Child, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Gokey, all in favor, D. Egan abstained, **carried**.

### 4. Reports (Chastity):

NRCS – No report provided this month Work cell phone: **518-605-2508**

## FSA

Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage: 2023 crop year sign up until March 15<sup>th</sup>

Emergency Relief Program (Phase 2/Pandemic Asst Revenue Prg): Signup began Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

2023 Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Prg: Deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>

Marketing Assistance Loans (Commodity Loans): deadline to request loan for Barley, oats & wheat is March 30<sup>th</sup>; deadline to request loan on corn (dry or high-moisture shell or soybeans is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Price Support Interest Rates for February 2023 were given.

Farm Loan Program Interest Rates for February 2023 were given.

FAS office is open with staff present to assist by phone, email or in person.

## NYS Ag and Markets (Ryan)

### NYS SWCC News

- 2022 State Aid to Districts: Due 2/15;
- Payments & Blackout Period: Claims for Payments need to be submitted by 2/17.
- SWCC Meeting: February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- AEM Leopold Conservation Award 2023: Applications due May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Tools & References Wiki Update: updated for 2023. <https://www.nyscdea.com/useful-resources/>

### Other Events

- Fruit Tree & Raspberry Pruning & Maintenance Workshop: Franklin Cty SWCD & Franklin Cty CCE were to host workshop on 2/17, however it was postponed due to bad weather/now rescheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Soil Health & Nutrient Mgmt Workshop: Ontario County SWCD hosting Soil Health Nutrient Mgmt Workshop on March 1<sup>st</sup>

### Other Funding Options

- SOGL 2023 Funding Opportunity: Sustain Our Great Lakes program will award up to \$18.7M.  
[www.nfwf.org/greatlakes](http://www.nfwf.org/greatlakes)

- Great Lake Basin Small Grants Program: visit for details - <https://small-grants-program-ccegeomaps.hub.arcgis.com/>

### **Kristin (District Forester)**

#### AEM

- Working on Forest Conservation Plans: working on plans over the coming months based on 2022
- Continuing implementation of plans with EQIP funding for 3 producers
- Meeting with more producers with maple operations interested in this program;
- Assisting Clinton County SWCD with AEM Forestry – 1 more to complete based on 2022 inventory
- AEM 17 Implementation Projects - working with producers to complete projects; 2 complete, 1 in progress, 3 waiting until 2023
- Assisting Hamilton County with AEM Program development.

#### Part B - 2023 4 Forest Management Plans

#### Part C - 2023 projects-School Funding Program - Notice sent to all school districts. Applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>

- ADK Education – Maple sugaring equipment
- Malone Central – seedlings to hand out for Arbor Day

### **Devin (District Technician)**

#### AEM

- Outreach with landowner

#### Tier 3a

- Farmstead Plan – Reviewing and editing
- Forest Management Plan
- Implementation of Tier 3a Forest Management Plan with EQIP

#### Part B

- Forest Management Plan completed – meeting with landowner

#### Agricultural Assessment Program –

- Continuing with soil group worksheets.

### **Mason (District Technician)**

- FCSWCD Municipal rack cards have been received and will be mailed out to all municipalities and Legislators outlining our services and contact information.
- Working with Lenny from Hamilton Cty SWCD to apply for permits
- Working with Town of Chateaugay to finalize plans for the County Line Road project
- Obtaining prices for Hydroseeder mulch
- Made maps for Town of Franklin and made watershed and project site maps for all major projects.

### **Donna (Secretary to the Board)**

- Performed office administrative duties as requested/required; will continue to keep operations progressing
- Processing lots of Tree Sale orders and getting things ready for Tree Sale handout days
- Assisted Saratoga Cty SWCD Dist Mgr & Clerk with Monthly/Quarterly and Year End reporting
- Year End reporting is complete

## 5. **District Managers Report: (Chastity)**

### Agricultural Non-Point Source Grants

- Round 24, 16-1 – need another extension approved
- Round 25, 16-3 – Estimates & engineering going; extension approved. Still working on estimates, maybe looking at new manure storage also.
- Round 25, 16-1 – done working on close out paperwork.
- Round 26 – Year 2 complete, voucher sent for more money.
- Round 27 – signed contract waiting to receive back, need to do billing.
- Round 28 – Awarded one! Barnyard and Manure storage. Submitted POW.

CAFO Manure Storage Grants Round 3: Extension approved. Asked planner status.

AGNPS Rd 29: Applications are being thought about and put together, maybe 4 or 5.

CRF Rd 7 applications: planning at least 1, maybe 2.

AEM Yr 17: Paid second LO. Third project well underway, leaving 3 for next summer. Devin is beginning to work on applications for the next round.

WQIP Grants: awarded 2 grants for Non-Ag money from NYSDEC (1 Hydroseeding in County; 1 planning culvert assessments). Working on work plans for hydroseeding and completed the plan for culverts.  
Malone Rec Park: working with Rec Park for Parking lot NYSDOS grant. Will work on extension next summer.  
Village of Malone-Lane Street Pit: Received mining permit need to work on the reclamation update.  
Districts/Schools: Working on finding some add'l grants and educational opportunities.  
New Truck: investigating the purchase of a new truck and selling the Equinox on Auctions International now.  
Rec Park Permits: working on permits for the eastern shore and plants. Had someone look at western shore; looking for engineering drawings.  
Permit: for Bannon's with Mason  
Tree Sale: is out and we are sold out of a lot already  
Year End Reports: are complete and submitted to the State. We provided the county auditor with a copy of our Treasurer's report for review and the stated it all looked good  
Ag Assessments: Devin is working on them and we are caught up

6. **Correspondences**: NYACD invoice for 2023 Assessment, NACD membership invoice, Thank you from Lois Seward, Essex Cty SWCD Clerk retirement, Newsletter for SWCD's (Schuyler, Delaware, Broome & Erie), FC CCE 4-H Team letter date 1/24/23 RE: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual NY Ag Literacy Wk, NYACD 2023 Legislative Day booklet

7. **New Business**:

- Discussion and Board approved to **sell 2017 Chevrolet Equinox on Auctions International**:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, all in favor, carried.
- Board Discussed the **bid for \$12,000** for the Equinox and voted to approve bid. Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved to **pay \$1500 to NYACD for 2023 Dues**:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved **rental of U-Haul to pickup of Tree Sale order, not to exceed \$500**:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> P. Lauzon, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved **rental of Port-A-Potty for Tree Sale distribution at FC Hwy Shed, not to exceed \$300**:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Martin, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved to **pay the balance of 2023 Tree Sale invoices**:
  - **Meadowview, not to exceed \$13,000**
  - **Alpha Nurseries, not to exceed \$5,000**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Lauzon, all in favor, carried.
- Discussion and Board approved **Devin to attend CNMP training in Ithaca (Hotel/food), no to exceed \$750**: Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> T. Derouchie, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child, all in favor, carried.
- Discussion and Board approved **to pay from Part C School Assistance Funding**:
  - **Brushton Moira Central School**                    **\$1,513.42**
  - **BOCES – Adirondack**                            **\$2,301.27**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> R. Child, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, D. Egan abstained, all in favor, , carried.
- Board approved **to pass resolution to extend AgNPS Rd 24, 16-1**:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Martin, D. Egan abstained, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved to **purchase Iron & Lead Water Kits from American Water Services for \$408.52**.  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Lauzon, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved **to pay NYSCDEA 2023 State Fair Assessment Dues, not to exceed \$150**:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> J. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Lauzon, all in favor, carried
- Board approved to **pay Adobe Acrobat Pro DC, \$178.88 plus tax (Secretary laptop)**:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved **MOU-Franklin Cty SWCD to assist Clinton Cty SWCD with AEM assistance-\$48/hr rate**  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> J. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child, all in favor, carried.
- Board approved **MOU-Franklin Cty SWCD to assist Hamilton Cty SWCD with AEM assistance-\$48/hr rate**. Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Lauzon, all in favor, carried.

8. **Old Business**: All Board Members and Staff completed "State Aid to Districts" Training

9. **Next meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

10. Meeting Adjourned at 1:07 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> D. Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Martin, all in favor, **carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wright / Chastity Miller  
Secretary / District Manager

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