

Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District

967 CO HWY 33 - RIVER ROAD - COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK 13326-9222 - PHONE (607) 547- 8337 ext 4

OTSEGO COUNTY SWCD BOARD MINUTES

April 20, 2017

Members Present:

Les Rathbun, *Chair, Grange Rep.*
Meg Kennedy, *Vice Chair, Cty. Rep.*
Doris Moennich, *Land Owner Treasurer*
Ed Lentz, *Member @Large*
Larry Roseboom Sr., *Farm Bureau*

Staff Present:

Jordan Clements, *District Mgr.*
Sherry Mosher, *District Secretary*

Absent:

Sam Dubben, *Member @ Large*
Jim Powers, *Cty. Rep.*

I. Called to order:

Les called meeting to order at 10:00 am. Les adjourned meeting at 10:04 am to go into executive session to discuss personnel evaluations. Les called regular meeting back in session at 10:16 am.

II. Approval of March's minutes:

Motion was made by Meg and seconded by Doris to approve amended minutes, motion carried.

III. Reading and Approval of March's Treasurer Report and paid bills:

Motion made by Ed and seconded by Larry to approve Treasurer's report and paid bills, motion carried. Sherry stated that all service charges on accounts have been reimbursed from the bank. Sherry stated that she called several places to scrap the 2008 Jeep. Wahl to Wahl picked the Jeep up from Smith Ford and paid the district \$600.00. Sherry said we received a nice thank you card from Amber Paice (NYCAD), thanking Jordan and Ed for attending the Legislative Days. Sherry is going to Herkimer Cty. SWCD to review their way of preparing monthly reports for the board.

IV. District Report-Jordan Clements, District Manager:

Jordan reported that he submitted 6 Ag. Non point source grants. Jordan stated that we have 7 medium CAFO farms in Otsego County and asked Bob to reach out to all to make sure if they are in compliance and if not, what could be done to help them. CAFO farms must have a minimum of 300 adult cows. Jordan reported that 3 out of 5 townships responded for the Mohawk River Watershed grant, two of which supported the grants- Springfield and Roseboom. There are two grants for \$50,000.00 each, one for Otsego Cty. Mohawk River Watershed Culvert Assessment & Education and one for Otsego Cty. Mohawk River Watershed Culvert Replacement. Jordan stated that there was \$50 million added to into state budget to help CAFO farms that will be out of compliance to become compliant by the due date that the NYS DEC stated. Jordan stated that he will attempt to try again for a grant for Otego Creek in Laurens. Jordan stated that Assemblyman McGee will be coming to our office on May 4, 2017 at 1:30 to discuss an addition to our existing building; parking area. Assemblyman Crouch will be attending at a later date. Waiting to hear from Senator Seward.

Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District

967 CO HWY 33 - RIVER ROAD - COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK 13326-9222 - PHONE (607) 547- 8337 ext 4

Jordan stated that Ag. Farmland has a incomplete rough draft, still waiting for NRCS, Cornell, Cade. It has been proposed to SWEC & Ag. and markets. Jordan met with Bill mason to discuss location for salt shed that was obtained through WQIP.

Jordan said that the internship job description & rate of pay has been announced. Jordan is hoping to have someone in place by mid May. The intern would be assisting with several projects including hydroseeding; Butternut Watershed Assessment, maintenance of buffers, WRE site checks. The planner had a meeting for CNMP and CAFO regulations; they invited Jordan and Jeanine to attend.

Jordan stated that there will be 2 trainings for board members next month.

V. Conservation Technician:

Jordan reported for Chris, he has been busy working with the tree sale and the Leatherstocking Envirothon. There will be 15 teams this year.

VI. NRCS:

No report

VII. FSA:

No report

VIII. Buffer Coordinator:

Jordan reported for Erica: Erica wrote USC grant for Buffers.

WQIP – RFP will be available May1, 2017. Erica is working with WQCC for a grant for 2 streams (watershed project). Erica is working on 4 CREP plant projects, Jordan and Tony also discussed another CREP project.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Next Meeting:

May 18, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Mosher
District Secretary