

# Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District

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## OTSEGO COUNTY SWCD BOARD MINUTES October 26, 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  
Jim Powers, Cty. Rep.

### Staff Present:

Jordan Clements, District Mgr.  
Sherry Mosher, District Secretary  
Tony Capraro, NRCS

### Board Members Absent:

Sam Dubben, Member @ Large

### Staff Absent:

Sandra Scott, FSA

### Guest:

None

### **I. Called to order:**

- Les called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

### **II. Approval of September minutes:**

- A motion was made by **Ed** to approve September minutes, seconded by **Doris**. **Meg** abstained due to being absent from September's meeting. Motion carried.

### **III. Reading and Approval of September Treasurer Report and paid bills:**

- A motion was made by **Ed** to approve September Treasurer Report and paid bills, seconded by **Meg**. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### **IV. District Report-Sherry Mosher, District Secretary:**

- Sherry reported to the board that Dan Crowell, Otsego County Treasurer requested that we contact a CPA to do a midyear and end of the year financial review, one in January and another in June. Sherry contacted 5 CPA offices for quotes and we are waiting for quotes from 3 of the offices.
- Sherry stated that she and Jordan attended the Annual NYACD training and meeting in Cazenovia October17-October19, 2017. **Meg** and **Larry** attended the Annual meeting.
- Sherry reported that QuickBooks renewal was due, it was updated and paid for.

### **V. District Manager-Jordan Clements:**

- Building maintenance- Jordan reported that the radiant heat does not seem to be working properly and he will have a contractor come to evaluate the system.
- Jordan received an email from Assemblyman Magee, the request for funding a new addition has moved on to the second round. Jordan provided him with a budget and a map.
- Jordan reported that we need to purchase some items using Part C funds. One of the items that he would like to purchase is a post pounder for \$15,000.00. A motion was made by **Jim** and seconded by **Larry** for approval to purchase the

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post pounder. Jordan would like to use Part C Funds to hire a Forest Technician, paying for equipment, health insurance, retirement. Jordan is also looking into purchasing a no till seeder. A motion was made by **Ed** and seconded by **Larry** to purchase the post pounder and no till seeder after receiving 3 bids. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

- Jordan reported that he received 3 letters of support from Roseboom, OCCA and 1 private land owner, thanking Otsego Soil & Water Conservation District for what has been done for them.
- Jordan reported that there will be \$50 million available over a 3 year time period for CAFO. The first round is due November 20, 2017. There are 6 CAFO farms in Otsego County although we have only heard from one.
- Jordan asked for a resolution for \$6,000.00 Part B funds to use for culvert assessments in 2018. A motion was made by **Ed** and seconded by **Meg**. Unanimous vote, motion carried and resolution made.
- Discussion of paying NYACD dues for next year took place, topic was tabled until a later date.
- Jordan will be completing all staff evaluation by the next board meeting on November 16, 2017.
- Jordan stated he was very pleased with the attendance for the Annual Farm Tour, having 6 County Representatives join us.

### VI. NRCS:

- Tony stated he and Jeanine continue to be very busy covering Otsego, Delaware & Sullivan Counties due to staff shortages.
- Tony reported they have received 86 Equip. applications from Otsego, Delaware, & Sullivan Counties.

### VII. FSA:

- No Report.

### VIII. Conservation Technician:

- See attached.

### IX. Buffer Coordinator:

- See attached.

### X. Other Business:

- None
- Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

### XI. \*\*\*\*Next Meeting:\*\*\*\*

- **November 16, 2017 Finance meeting-9:30, regular meeting 10:00am**

Chris Andreassen

Technician Report

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9/21/17-10/26/17

### Ag. Assessments:

- 4 Completed

### Butternut Creek Study:

- Culvert Assessments (> 50)

### Hydro-seeding:

- 29 loads/ 52 Total

### Farm Tour

### Watershed Forum

### Con. Skills

### Permitting:

- Collaborating with landowner and Army Corps of Engineers for pond dredging permit

### Fall Fish Sale:

- Saturday 9/23

10/26/2017

Update from Erica Capuana, Buffer Coordinator

### **Butternut Creek Watershed Study**

- Coordinated volunteers/intern/entered data/landowner outreach
- Surveyed stream crossings (320 crossing surveyed)
  - Upper Butternut stream crossings – complete
  - Middle Butternut stream crossings –complete
  - Lower Butternut stream crossings – started
- Surveyed stream corridor
  - 100% complete mainstem Butternut
  - 30% complete tributaries
- Attended I-4 Coordinator meeting in Cortland – 10/24/17

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### **CREP/EQIP/DEC**

- Worked on CREP conservation plans for current projects
  - Site visits, meeting with landowners, drafting plan designs, and writing planting plans
- Met with landowners for potential new CREP sites/stream bank issues
- USC/DEC Buffer Protection Grant kick off meeting – Tioga County SWCD 10/26/17 - USC has funding for restoring three buffers in Butternut Watershed
  
- Bernard CREP Project in process of planting, contracted with Conservation Services from VA – expected completion 10/28/17
- DeBoer CREP Project on final element – installing water pipeline and facilities – expected completion 11/15/17

### **Other**

- Otsego County Farm Tour – 10/12/17
- Morris School Ditch Easement Repair/Maintenance Design meeting with stakeholders – 10/26/17
- OCCA Citizen Science Water Quality Monitoring Program first day of sampling – 10/20/17 – OCSWCD sample location with Daphne Monie and son Finn on Red Creek
- Conservation Skills Workshop – 9/25/17-9/28/17
  - Current issues in Agriculture, All about Buffers, Forestry, Streams 101
- USC Watershed Forum – Binghamton, NY – 9/21/17

**Sincerely Submitted,**

**Sherry Mosher**