

Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District

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OTSEGO COUNTY SWCD BOARD MINUTES September 13, 2017

Board Members Present:

Les Rathbun, Chair, Grange Rep.
Doris Moennich, Land Owner Treasurer
Ed Lentz, Member @Large
Jim Powers, Cty. Rep.

Staff Present:

Jordan Clements, District Mgr.
Sherry Mosher, District Secretary
Andrew Grabo, NRCS
Lisa Pedersen, FSA

Board Members Absent:

Sam Dubben, Member @ Large
Meg Kennedy, Vice Chair, Cty. Rep.
Larry Roseboom Sr., Farm Bureau

Guest:

None

I. Called to order:

- Les called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

II. Approval of August minutes:

- A motion was made by **Doris** to approve August minutes, seconded by **Ed**, unanimous vote, motion carried.

III. Reading and Approval of August Treasurer Report and paid bills:

- A motion was made by **Ed** to approve Treasurers report and paid bills, seconded by **Doris**, unanimous vote, motion carried.

IV. District Report-Sherry Mosher, District Secretary:

- Sherry reported to the board that cost of employee health insurance will be raised 8% beginning November 1, 2017.
- Reservations for Con Skills workshop have been made for Jordan, Chris, Erica and Bob to attend September 25th through September 28, 2017.
- Registration and reservations have been made for the Annual NYACD Training and Meeting for October 17- October 19, 2017. Jordan and Sherry will be attending all training. **Doris, Larry** and **Meg** will join us for the Annual Meeting on October 18, 2017.
- Due to the Annual NYACD Meeting, October's board meeting will be held on Thursday October 26, 2017 at 10:00am.
- All of the billable hours for grant tracking are up to date for AEM, Butternut.

V. District Manager-Jordan Clements:

- Jordan reported that there is a tentative bid showing for Grant #22- Otego Creek Watershed and Nutrient Management & Buffer Project on October 26, 2017.
- Jordan stated that projects for Grant # 19, Oaks Creek Barnyard will be completed by this fall.
- Jordan explored the RFP process through Onondaga County. Jordan will have the RFP ready for Onondaga County.

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- Jordan has been preparing for upcoming fall grant opportunities.
- Jordan attended the Public Works meeting and proposed a Forestry Budget, he received good support from the SWEC Committee.
- Jordan reviewed Erica Capuana's contract for Buffer coordinator, as it is due by the beginning of October. The board approved the annual contract using Part C funds for payment until Cost Share contract is completed, up to 6 months. A motion was made for approval by **Ed** and seconded by **Jim**, unanimous vote, motion carried.
- Jordan stated that hydroseeding still needs to be completed but Bob is out of work until further notice. Jordan stated he will call the county to see if they have anyone available to assist with hydroseeding.
- Jordan stated that Stephanie, our summer intern has completed her time with us, her last day here was September 8, 2017. Jordan asked the board for approval to hire another intern as soon as possible through the end of December 31, 2017. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Ed to approve another intern, unanimous vote, motion carried.
- Jordan will be attending the SWEC meeting next Monday, September 18, 2017.
- Jordan stated that we will be doing a fall farm tour this year on October 12, 2017. We will be visiting 4 farms to review the projects that we have worked on and to show the progress that has been made. Lunch will be provided at BOCES after the tour. Jordan has reached out to various legislators to attend our tour.

VI. NRCS:

- Andrew stated that they have finished 5 CSP obligations. Tony and Jeanine attended training for construction, inspection for field office activities.
- Andrew attended new employee training in Ohio for 1 week.

VII. FSA:

- Lisa reported that ARC payments come out next month.
- Lisa stated that MPP for 2018, it is no longer a requirement to sign up, farmers can choose if they want to or not. Crop reporting starts September 25, 2017 for fall plantings and hay.
- Lisa stated that FSA is working with Soil and Water on CREP.

VIII. Conservation Technician:

- See Attached

IX. Buffer Coordinator:

See Attached

X. Other Business:

- There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

XI. ****Next Meeting:****

- **Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 10am.**

Sincerely Submitted,

Sherry Mosher
District Secretary

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Chris Andreassen
Technician Report
8/17/17- 9/13/17

Butternut (NAACC) Assessments:

- 12 crossings surveyed

Training:

- USC/Army Corps Wetland/ Permit App. training

Permitting:

- Assisted 2 landowners with Army Corps/DEC permitting applications for dredging/ culvert crossings

Fish Program:

- Orders taken/ pick up 9/23

AEM (Ed. Outreach)

- 2018 Leatherstocking Envirothon
- State Fair SWCD booth

Site Visits:

- 2 pond assessments
- 1 stream/culvert assessment

Hydroseeding:

- 12 loads/ 23 total

Ag. Assessments:

- 1 completed

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9/13/2017

Update from Erica Capuana, Buffer Coordinator

Butternut Creek Watershed Study

- Coordinated volunteers/intern/entered data/landowner outreach
- Surveyed stream crossings
 - Upper Butternut stream crossings – complete
 - Middle Butternut stream crossings – 50% complete
- Surveyed stream corridor
 - 100% complete mainstream Butternut
 - 5% complete tributaries

CREP/EQIP

- 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
- Submitted first State Practice Incentive Payment to USC for CREP project
- Wrote and obtained grant for Bernard CREP buffer from USC buffer program for \$9,125, project scheduled for October 2017
- Quarterly Otsego County Buffer strategy meeting with Lydia Brinkley from USC

Other

- Otsego County Hazardous Waste Day – 9/9/17
- Stream and Wetland Buffers Webinar Series – Part 2: Education – 8/22/2017