

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Monthly Meeting of Directors  
April 26, 2023  
6:00 PM.  
2400 Meads Hill Road  
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson  
Rick Reisinger-Treasurer  
Jim Howell – Vice Chair  
Gary Gray – Legislative Rep  
Gary Gaige-Member  
Jerry Verrigni-District Manager  
Jessica Verrigni – Stormwater Program Technician

1. **Meeting called to order** by T. Specchio @ 6:04 PM
2. **Pledge**
3. **Minutes of March Meeting:** Gary Gaige motioned to approve the March minutes as mailed. Seconded by Rick Reisinger. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report March:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Gary. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Vouchers March:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by Jim Howell. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. **District Law Training**– Jerry performed the District Law training from slides from the SWCC website for Jim Howell and Gary Gray. Jerry focused on District Director responsibilities.
7. **New Business:**
  - A. **Audit** - Jerry stated this was the best and easiest audit yet. Karen provided her information and I gave the auditors the list that they always request. However this year the auditor had extra time the Friday before coming and sent a list of all she needed to check in person. Jerry stated he was able to scan and email everything to the auditor so she was only in the office for just 2 hours. They were very happy with the audit and thanked us for all the help.
  - B. **Tree Sale** – Jessica stated everything went great. It was the first year in four or five that we had nice weather and we had everyone but four people show up in the first hour. We had over 70 orders and all went well. Jerry stated we netted around 2800 not including our time.
  - C. **BOCES 4 hour classes** – Jessica shared that she performed two 4 hour erosion and sediment control certificate courses for 60 BOCES students at two schools that became fully certified after the class. These kids are our next generation of highway operators and private contractors. They need to take this class if they will disturb over an acre of soil during construction. We had several students from Schuyler County including one of the highway superintendants sons.

**D. Secretary Contract Continuation** – Jerry stated that his condition seems like it will be long term. That surgeons believe its better to leave the tumor in and deal with the side effects as is. Karen has been an enormous help throughout this whole process. Jerry stated its important with his condition to have someone who fully understands what we do and how we do it. It means that everything is covered from a payroll bookkeeping aspect if somethins was to happen to him. He suggested a contract through next July with a dollar an hour increase.

*A motion was made by Gary Gray and seconded by Gary Gaige to the contract as written. All in Favor. Motion Carried.*

8. **Stormwater Technician Report – Jessica V.** –Her report is in the packet and will be on file with the book of minutes.
9. **District Manager Report -Jerry V.** – Jerry's Report was sent out with the packet and will be on file with the Book of Minutes.
10. **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 6:43 by Gary Gaige and seconded by Gary Gray

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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Tony Specchio, Chairman

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Jerry Verrigni – District Manager