

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Meeting of Directors
August 2nd, 2023
6:00 PM.
2400 Meads Hill Road
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson
Jim Howell – Vice Chairperson
Rick Reisinger-Treasurer
Gary Gray – Legislative Member
Gary Gaige-Member
Jerry Verrigni-District Manager
Jessica Verrigni – Stormwater Program Technician
Karen Tillotson – Contractual Asst. Sec. Asst. Treas.
Bob Pierce – Karen’s Husband

1. **Meeting called to order** by T. Specchio @ 6:02 PM
2. **Pledge**
3. **Minutes of June Meeting:** *Gary Gaige motioned to approve the June minutes as mailed. Seconded by Jim Howell. All in favor. Motion carried.*
4. **Treasurer's Report June:** *Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.*
5. **Vouchers May:** *Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.*
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Secretary Contract** – Jerry stated that we need a formal resolution to add Beth Yartm to the Bank Accounts and to remove Karen Tillotson from the accounts due to Karens Retirement and Beths contractual hiring.
Gary Gray made the motion to add Beth Yartym to the Bank Accounts and to Remove Karen Tillotson from the Bank Accounts. Seconded by Rick Reisinger. All in Favor Motion Carried.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Karen Tillotsons Retirement -**

Jerry Verrigni wanted to recognize Karen and to make sure all board members knew the significance Karen has had for the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District for 13 years. Jerry stated he was a newer District Manager just getting the district on its feet when the current contractual part time secretary passed away. That person was a very close personal friend of Jerry and Jessica which made it that much more difficult. Immediately Karen without hesitation asked if she could help with anything. She was incredible and had an immense amount of patience. She taught Jerry quickbooks and how to do book keeping for the District. She was there for any question Jerry had at a moments notice and still is today. She did what very few could by performing the duties in just 10 hours a week which allowed the district to continue on without a full time secretary. This saved the district an immense amount of money that allowed for the growth and stabilization of the program. Rick Reisinger expressed his gratitude as Treasurer he has built a relationship with Karen, and expressed how Karens efforts gave him comfort in his role and he appreciated all she has done. This was expanded upon by each and every board member.
8. **Stormwater Technician Report – Jessica V.** –Her report is in the packet and will be on file with the book of minutes. Jessica reviewed her reports highlights and showcased the busy

time of year. During Jessicas report which mentioned the multi county regional local work group meeting Rick Reisinger mentioned that he was in attendance of that meeting to represent Schuyler County.

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 6:20 by Gary Gaige and seconded by Rick Reisinger*

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Specchio, Chairman

Jerry Verrigni – District Manager