

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Meeting of Directors
6 PM @ 2400 Meads Hill Road
December 1st, 2021

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson
Jim Howell, Jr. -Legislator
Gary Gray-Legislator-not present
Rick Reisinger-Treasurer -not present
Gary Gaige-Member
Jerry Verrigni-District Manager
Karen Tillotson-Secretary/Asst. Treas

1. **Meeting called to order**-by T. Specchio @ 6:00 PM
2. **Pledge**
3. **Minutes of October Meeting:** G.Gaige. Made a motion to approve the October minutes as mailed. Seconded by J. Howell Jr., All in favor and carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report October:** G. Gray motioned to approve the October treasurer's report. Seconded by J. Howell Jr., All in favor and carried.
5. **Vouchers October:** Vouchers reviewed by R. Reisinger before the meeting. J. Howell Jr. made a motion to approve the vouchers for October. It was seconded by G. Gray. All in favor and carried.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Ag and Markets Report-Patrick Emerick:** Region 2 Associate Environmental Analyst's report was sent in the director's packet and will be on file with the minutes' book. Unable to make the December meeting but plans to make the January or February meeting. Schuyler County SWCD did submit and was awarded an Ag Non-Point Source grant for \$292,000.00.
 - B. **CR8/Dave Barber Flooding-Jerry V.:** Contacted by Dave Barber regarding a cross culvert on County Road 8 that is blocked with debris and caused water to run down the road through a house he is restoring. Jerry reached out to Ken Thurston regarding this issue. District replaced the culvert and stabilized the inlet and outlet of the culvert with assistance from the County. District assisted with the repair of the driveway. Information is included in the packet and on file with the minutes' book. All went well.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Kyle Teeter-Anthony Specchio/Jerry V. -** Issue with the cross culvert on Route 414-this is road runoff upslope that caused deposition of gravel in this waterway and brush that has grown up. Mr. Teeter questioned who was responsible for cleaning it out and maintaining it—explained that it would fall on the landowner. The District was called for the first time in 2017. there There isn't a problem during dry seasons. J. Verringi informed Mr. Teeter that his project wasn't a top priority with all the other flooding issues within the County. Mr. Teeter then asked to speak with Jerry's boss. This information is included with the directors' packet.

Mr. Teeter contacted A. Specchio, and A. Specchio explained that he would discuss this at the board meeting on December 1st, 2021. Jerry explained that this area of his property is very wet. The concern is that Mr. Teeter will not be satisfied with anything the District completes.

The Board asked what Jerry would recommend.

J. Verrigni stated he would have Mr. Teeter purchase the rock for the project; however, there is no reason to do the project if this project doesn't meet the criteria on the list of projects that need to be completed. A couple of notes is that his neighbor has not complained or had an issue with it and that Mr. Teeter is an equipment operator and could maintain this area himself. This is not a first-come, first-serve basis. J. Verrigni will send a letter to Mr. Teeter with what the board discussed and the outcome.

B. Project Slide Show Jerry V -January's meeting will be an extended meeting do present the slide show.

8. **District Manager Report -Jerry V.** – Jerry's report was sent out with the packet and will be on file with the Book of Minutes.

Adjournment -Motion to adjourn at 6:43 PM by J. Howell Jr. and seconded by G. Gaige

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Specchio, Chairman

Karen Tillotson- Secretary/Asst. Treas.