

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Meeting of Directors
December 28th, 2022
6:00 PM.
2400 Meads Hill Road
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson
Jim Howell-Legislator
Rick Reisinger-Treasurer
Gary Gaige-Member
Jerry Verrigni-District Manager
Jessica Verrigni – Stormwater Program Technician

1. **Meeting called to order** by T. Specchio @ 6:00 PM
2. **Pledge**
3. **Minutes of November Meeting:** Gary Gaige motioned to approve the November minutes as mailed. Seconded by Jim Howell. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report November:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Vouchers November:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **NONE**
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Letter of Support from Schuyler County Legislature** - Jerry provided a letter that the County passed to show their support for Soil and Water stating their opposition to the proposed changes to District Law. Jim Howell and all board members expressed interest in getting a draft letter and resolution to all municipalities so they could pass them to support Soil and Water. The board made it clear they wanted to focus on all the support and work done by Soil and Water for our municipalities, farms, businesses, and landowners. They expressed stating that the district boards and make up of the soil and water were set up for efficiency over 80 years ago. Its due to this set up that Soil and water can be efficient and put cost effective conservation on the ground. Jerry agreed to get each municipality a letter and resolution on behalf of the board.
 - B. **Town of Big Flats Contract for Stormwater** – Jerry let the board know that the Town of Big Flats approached him to contract services for Jessica to do Stormwater Mgt. work down in the Town of Big Flats. They are offering \$24,000 for Jessicas time. Jerry made sure the board knew that if Chemung County could provide that service we would not renew the annual contract so not to compete.
 - C. **NY State Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate Program Administration** – Jessica explained she has been administering this program in Chemung County for the State wide program. The CDEA expressed interest to continue their contract for \$7,500 with Schuyler.

Motion was made by Rick Reisinger to enter into contracts with the Town of Big Flats and the CDEA for Stormwater MGT. work with Jessica. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Plotter – Jerry told the board the plotter no longer can scan. A bulb is out and we received a quote for \$1,600 for repair with no gurantee that it will fix the issue. Jerry stated he has gotten bids for a new machine and think after the ink cartridges are used a new machine should be purchased.

Rick Reisinger made the motion for up to \$8,000 for a new machine once the ink cartridges are gone. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor, motion carried.

E. UTV – Jerry stated that we have discussed getting a UTV to help with large seeding projects where the hydroseeder cant get and to move all our parts and pieces on pond jobs etc... He stated we don't need a new machine just one to help with on job sites.

Jim Howell made a motion for up to \$10,000 to be used to purchase a used 4WD UTV with a dump box. Seconded by Rick Reisinger. All in favor, Motion Carried.

8. **Stormwater Technician Report – Jessica V.** – Jessica stated that she has been working diligently getting acclimated and taking care of things to help get her up and running. Getting her computer, getting software, etc... Jessica was able to get the new 2022 aerial photos and the new 2022 tax parcels. Jessica's Report was sent out with 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.

FOLLOWPA – Resolution to once again participate in FOLLOWPA and allow Jerry to represent the District for FOLLOWPA

Jim Howell made the motion to participate in FOLLOWPA and pass the resolution as written, seconded by Gary Gaige. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

10. **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 6:37 by Gary Gaige and seconded by Jim Howell

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Specchio, Chairman

Jerry Verrigni – District Manager