

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Meeting of Directors
January 26th, 2023 (due to weather moved from 25th)
6:00 PM.
2400 Meads Hill Road
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson
Jim Howell-Legislator
Rick Reisinger-Treasurer
Gary Gaige-Member
Gary Gray- Legislator
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 December Meeting:** Jim Howell motioned to approve the December minutes as mailed. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report December:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Gary. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Vouchers December:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **UTV** – Jerry stated he was able to purchase a 2012 Kawaskai Mule from a auction on Bid N Buy. It has 611 hours, plow, 4x4, and dump box. He stated it was already used to plow several times and is excellent operating order. He stated this spring it will be taken to ethan at central garage to go through it for maintenance.
 - B. **Letters and Resolutions opposing changes to District Law** – Jerry stated that he sent out the draft letters and resolutions on behalf of our board of directors as discussed at the December meeting to all of our municipalities. He stated that the Town of orange, Town of Montour, and town of Tyrone have all passed both. He stated the village of Watkins glen and all other municipalities are working on passing theres and all seemed in favor. Gary gray said that he was at the Town of Tyrone and Montour board meetings and was able to answer questions the towns had and it was helpful in getting them passed without a hitch.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Organization Meeting** - Jerry stated that Anthony J. Specchio and Rick Reisinger were up for re-appointment for their two year seats on the board. **A motion was made by Gary Gray and seconded by Gary Gaige to re-elect both Anthony J. Specchio and Rick Reisinger to the board. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

Election of officers – Jerry stated the current members that held office on the board.

A motion was made by Gary Gray and seconded by Gary Gaige to continue as is with Chair Anthony J. Specchio, Vice Chair Jim Howell, and Treasurer Rick Reisinger. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

District Newspaper, Bank, Holidays, and Policies – Jerry informed the board that the current newspaper is the Review and Express, the Bank is Chemung Canal, the Holidays have been the same for 15 years and mostly follow that of the Counties, and the Policies have been relatively recently written and maintained and all have been reviewed by the current board of directors.

Jim Howell made a motion and was seconded by Gary Gray to maintain the Newspaper, Bank, Holidays, and policies as is. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Annual reporting of the Treasurers Report – Jerry stated the annual treasurers report was mailed out in the packet. All bank information and annual salaries and benefits were verified by Karen Tillotson. The entire report was also reviewed after completion by Karen Tillotson who was a huge help. Jerry stated as always because all numbers balance as they should. The only number adjusted is the starting balance because the district is not on true modified accrual as we have stated every year for over a decade. Karen and I have made the decision we need to point the end of the calendar year as our date. That way we can verify all numbers without issue during any audits or if there is a change it staff. Talking with most districts most do the same.

A motion was made by Gary Gaige and seconded by Gary Gray to submit and approve the annual treasures report as written. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

8. **Stormwater Technician Report – Jessica V.** – Jessica stated that she has completed all her site visits for the Town of Big Flats. Completed her reporting and attended several meetings for the Town. Jessica also loaded all 2022 mapping and parcel information on GIS. Made over dozen maps including maps for each board member utilizing the new aerials. Jessica completed many soil worksheets and maps for the ag. exemption program. Jessica stated she has reviewed and gotten up to speed with all of the latest AEM planning requirements which will be her main focus starting in March. Jessica has started to revamp and update the website and will be doing so at greater length in the near future. She also assisted greatly with the conference room wall of project pictures. Jessicas report was sent out in the packet and will be maintained 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 6:40 by Gary Gaige and seconded by Jim Howell

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Specchio, Chairman

Jerry Verrigni – District Manager