

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Meeting of Directors
January 3rd, 2023
6:00 PM.
2400 Meads Hill Road
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson
Jim Howell – Vice Chair
Gary Gaige - Member
Rick Reisinger-Treasurer
Gary Gray – Legislative Rep

Jerry Verrigni-District Manager
Jessica Verrigni – Stormwater Program Technician

1. **Meeting called to order** by T. Specchio @ 6:01 PM
2. **Pledge**
3. **Minutes of November 29th Meeting:** *Gary Gray 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 Jim Howell. All in favor. Motion carried.*
5. **Vouchers November:** *Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor. Motion carried.*
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Part Time Secretary Position** – Jerry discussed that Karen Tillotson, was willing to remotely carry out the duties of the Part Time Secretary Position.
Gary Gray made the motion to approve the contract as sent out in the packets for Karen Tillotson to work as the contractual part time secretary to the District. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **AEM 18 Vote on Tier IV Tech Track Contracts** - Jerry discussed the 4 contracts sent out in the packet. The first was for the Ort family farm to create a significant amount of buffer, a crossing area, retention pond, irrigation, and well, along with fencing. The second two were for pesticide sprayers for Lakewood Vineyard and Apples and Moore. These sprayers would reduce drift and pesticide use by nearly 50%. The sprayer at apples and moore will also be utilized for frost control removing the need for burning bales to keep temps up so crops aren't frost damage. The final project will be a retention pond/irrigation pond on a fruit operation on John Santos farm.
Gary Gray made the motion to approve the contracts as sent in the packets for the AEM Year 18 tier iv technical track implementation projects. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - B. **Stormwater 4 hour Contractor Training** – Jessica told the board that she held a 4 hour contractor training at the Human Resources building that had 79 attendees. She said she couldn't have done it without the help of Jeff Parker from Steuben County. She said that nearly all municipalities had representation from our highway departments. She told the board that all municipal staff got to attend the event free. The monies from the private contractors attending the class provided a net profit overall for the class. Jim Howell asked if the class would be held annually. Jessica said that she would probably hold it again in one year because it has been a while for

the area, but that the attendees only need to participate once every three years, so that would be the cycle in the future.

- 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.
- 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 6:57 by Gary Gaige and seconded by Rick Reisinger*

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Specchio, Chairman

Jerry Verrigni – District Manager