

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Meeting of Directors
June 23rd, 2022
6:00 PM.
2400 Meads Hill Road
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson
Gary Gray-Legislator
Rick Reisinger-Treasurer
Gary Gaige-Member
Jerry Verrigni-District Manager

1. **Meeting called to order** by T. Specchio @ 5:55 PM Jerry stated he apologized for moving the meeting but there were reports of up to 6" of rain and a potential flooding right during the meeting time. Which obviously resulted in next to no rain.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Minutes of April/May Meeting:** Gary Gaige motioned to approve the April/May minutes as mailed. Seconded by Rick Reisinger. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report April and May:** Jerry noted that the reports were corrected by Karen. Several new dispersment categories that are added as expenses anytime a new grant or year starts were not clicked on the memorized report. Karen got the reports to be balanced within \$4.08. Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Vouchers:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
NONE
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Equipment Trailer** - Jerry stated that we are looking into purchasing a 20,000, 22-24' tilt deckover trailer. He had heard back from several dealers with prices ranging from 18-38k. The biggest issue being no one had trailers for 12-15 months. Some dealers wouldn't even give a price. This trailer would hold the Yanmar and CAT 305 excavators, roller, tractor and drill, etc... Currently we have a 2012 PJ car trailer which is vastly undersized and a lot of time Mike brings in his brother's trailer because it is heavier duty. Jerry stated the tilt trailer would make it easier on the aging staff from having to lift heavy gates etc... Gary Gray said to check out Best Choice Trailers in Chambersburg and Rick Reisinger suggested looking at Davis Trailer World in York. Jerry also mentioned potentially a municipal auction may have a used trailer that would be sooner available.
 - B. **Old Coon Hollow Bridge:** Jerry explained that he was asked by Angelo Calebro to look at a stream issue that Mr. Calebro deemed a safety and welfare issue. Mr. Calebro is a police officer and lives in NJ. He had contacted DEC because he blames the issue on John Ollin having an equipment operator and dozer in the stream without a permit nearly two years ago. Jerry nor the DEC believes the issue was caused by Mr. Ollin. DEC did

however say the area does need fixing. This leaves the Soil and Water to find the funding and time to make repairs. Jerry requested DEC make the permit process reasonable since they were requesting. Jerry didn't hear back from DEC submitted a full permit application and hadn't heard back in nearly a month. The land is in the Town and County right of way. The real erosion issue is on Mr. Calebro's land. Mr. Calebro was admit that Jerry should have turned in Mr. Ollin to DEC when he was in the stream. Jerry explained the SWCD is non-regulatory and cant turn people in or no one would work with us. Jerry did at that time ask Mr. Ollin to remove the equipment from the stream. The board agreed it isn't our job nor should it be to turn people in to regulatory action. Jerry said the issue will be fixed once a permit is given by DEC.

- C. **Accounting Contract:** Jerry stated the contract in the packet thanks to Jim Howell catching it had a couple typos. It should end Jan. 6th 2024 not 2023. This is 16months at \$600 a month which would make it \$9,600 max. Karen will remain on till the end of the year to help Beth get signed up with accounts, get on the computer, do payroll etc... Karen has been an amazing help and started over 12 years ago when the part time secretary at that time passed away from cancer. Karen trained Jerry on quickbooks and still answers a million questions he has on it today. She has been a huge help to the District.

Motion to approve the accounting contract made by Gary Gaige.

Seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 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.

- 9. **Adjournment** -*Motion to adjourn at 6:37 by Gary Gaige and seconded by Gary Gray*

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Specchio, Chairman

Jerry Verrigni – District Manager