

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Monthly Meeting of Directors  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
6:00 PM.  
2400 Meads Hill Road  
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Attending: Tony Specchio-Chairperson  
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 January Meeting:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the January minutes as mailed. Seconded by Gary Gaige. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report January and February:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Gary. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Vouchers January and February:** Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Plotter** – Jerry stated that the new plotter was purchased and is in use. He stated that they will continue to utilize the old plotter for printing at least until the ink is gone and will keep it for a back up in case the new printer is ever broken.
  
  - B. **Dave Barber Claim** – Jerry stated that this was the same claim that was turned down by insurance two years ago now. That both the county attorney and insurance company attorney believe these claim is fully fraudulent. They understand fully the District has no authority or obligation to work within the highway right of way. That the district was only asked to by the highway department several days after the flooding occurred and the district started culvert replacement two days later. The flooding occurred from upslope woody debris that plugged the culvert, that could happen with any size pipe and the upslope woody debris came from Mr. Barbers property.
  
  - C. **Mike and Jims Contracts** – We already approved Mike and Jims contracts for \$41 an hour for Mike and \$42 an hour for Jim. Jim due to reaching over 66 years old is now not limited to how much income he can make. He will now once again work 40 hours. Both Jim and Mike will start back full time April 10<sup>th</sup>.
7. **New Business:**
  - A. **Website Update** - Jessica stated that she and Jerry spent an immense amount of time updating the website. It hadn't been updated since 2017. Jessica stated that she was able to develop an interactive map on the front home page that showcases points of every implementation project for the last three years. Over a 150 pins that when you click on them bring up a pdf of project pictures, what practices were built and what funding was used and on what

year it was constructed. Jessica also added programs that we now have that were not on the website and removed programs that we no longer have or offer.

**B. District Law Training** – Jerry performed the District Law training from slides from the SWCC website. Jerry focused on District Director responsibilities.

**C. Draft Construction Schedule** – The draft implementation schedule was in the packets. Jerry reviewed the highlights of the upcoming schedule.

**D. Resolution to Open new Bank Accts** – Jerry provided a proposed resolution to open new grant bank accts for Round 26 AGNPS, CRF Round 5 and the District Employees Association Stormwater Program.

*A motion was made by Gary Gaige and seconded by Rick Reisinger to open the bank accounts as written. All in Favor. Motion Carried.*

**E. MOU Finger Lakes Cover Crops** – Jerry explained that we were able to participate in a cover crop program with the SWCC through Yates County SWCD that would provide \$31,000 for cover crops in the Finger Lakes Watershed.

*A motion was made by Gary Gaige and seconded by Rick Reisinger to participate in the program and for Jerry to sign the MOU. All in Favor. Motion Carried.*

8. **Stormwater Technician Report – Jessica V.** – Jessica stated that she worked to update the website as we discussed. She also is fully working heavily on AEM and AEM conservation Planning. She has 15 conservation plans to complete by the end of the year. She also discussed her stormwater inspections in Big Flats. She also discussed several site visits for construction projects with municipalities. Her report is in 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.

10. **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 6:40 by Gary Gaige and seconded by Rick Reisinger

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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Tony Specchio, Chairman

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Jerry Verrigni – District Manager