

Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Meeting of Directors
October 25th, 2023
6:00 PM.
2400 Meads Hill Road
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

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

Jerry Verrigni-District Manager
Jessica Verrigni – Stormwater Program Technician

1. **Meeting called to order** by T. Specchio @ 6:04 PM
2. **Pledge**
3. **Minutes of September 27th Meeting:** *Gary Gray motioned to approve the September minutes as mailed. Seconded by James Howell. All in favor. Motion carried.*
4. **Treasurer's Report September:** *Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor. Motion carried.*
5. **Vouchers September:** *Rick Reisinger motioned to approve the list of bills as presented. Seconded by James Howell. All in favor. Motion carried.*
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Part Time Secretary Position** – Jerry said that Beth is officially on her own as Karen has moved down South. There were some bumps in the road with Jim Barret not receiving his check. Jerry went to Beths house and picked it up and explained this couldn't happen again because it is a insult to someone like Jim who has been working for over 40 years in the County. Beth assured Jerry it wouldn't.
 - B. **Implementation Update** – Jerry said the implementation work that was completed in 23 is in the packet. The guys did tremendous work as always. They have one more job to finish on CR 28 and then will be done for the year. Ag. Implementation with private contractors continues.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Articulated Dump** - Jerry thanked the board for approving the purchase of the Articulated Dump via email communication due to the timing of the auction. The Dump is here works well. New Batteries were installed. A mechanic from Edger enterprises who works extensively with these vinatage volvo dumps will look over the truck and see what we need to do and to make sure we should save it and not sell it.
 - B. **FLLOWPA DEC Senate Tour** – Jerry and Jessica both discussed a tour of projects they showcased to multiple members of DEC from both regional staff and the Syracuse office that holds the funding for the FLOWPA Program. Also in attendance was a staff member from Senator Omara's office. This was a very successful tour and we were all thanked for our efforts and unique program.
 - C. **Alfred State College Stromwater Class** – Jessica explained she was asked to teach erosion and sediment control to the environmental class at SUNY Alfred. Jessica did so online to save travel time. She stated the kids were very engaged and the professor said she would like to do this again 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. Jerry also discussed the proposed Finger Lakes Coalition that would help to raise funds for several soil and water districts in the Finger Lakes from NYS DEC. This Coalition would be set up similar to that of the very successful Upper Susquehanna Coalition.

A motion was made by James Howell to enter into the MOU to join the Finger Lakes Coaliton of Soil and Water Districts. The motion was seconded by Gary Gray. All in favor motion carried.

10. **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by James Howell and seconded by Rick Reisinger

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Specchio, Chairman

Jerry Verrigni – District Manager