

**Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
967 CO HWY 33 – RIVER ROAD – COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK 13326-9222 – PHONE (607) 547-8337 ext. 4  
OTSEGO COUNTY SWCD BOARD MINUTES  
Thursday, January 19, 2017

**Members Present:**

Les Rathbun Chair, Grange Rep.  
Floyd Dubbin, Member @ Large  
Ed Lentz, Member @ Large  
Doris Moennich, Land Owner, Treasurer  
Larry Roseboom Sr., Farm Bureau

**Absent:**

Meg Kennedy, Vice Chair  
James Powers, Cty. Rep.

**Staff Present:**

Jordan Clements, District Manager  
Sherry Mosher, District Sec./Asst. Treasurer  
Tony Capraro, NRCS  
Kristin Rumovicz FSA

**Amended Minutes for January 19,2017**

**I. Called to order:**

**Les Rathbun** called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

**II. Approval Of December minutes:**

**Sam** made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by **Ed**. Motion carried.

**III. Reading and approval of December Treasurer's report of paid bills.** Motion made by **Ed** to approve seconded by **Larry**. Motion carried.

Sherry asked for permission to be able to pay bills as they come in so there are no Services fees or finance charges added to the bills. Sherry stated that she provides all members a copy of all bills that have been paid. **Les** made a motion to approve and seconded by **Doris**. Jordan will review all checks and initial them prior to being sent out. Discussion in reference to giving Sherry signature authorization at Bank of Cooperstown and NBT Bank. **Sam** made a motion to approve, seconded by **Doris**. Sherry, **Les** and **Doris** will go to both banks on 1/25/17 for the signature card. Motion carried.

**IV. Procurement, Investment, Personnel Policies:**

All policies reviewed and no changes were made. Motion made by **Sam** and seconded by **Ed**, motion carried.

**V. Designation of Official Banks:**

The Board discussed designating 2 banks as the official banks, NBT Bank and Bank of Cooperstown.

**VI. District Reports: Election of Officers:**

**Doris** nominated **Les** to be the Chair, seconded by **Sam**, all in favor, motion carried .

**Ed** nominated **Meg to** be Vice Chair, **Les** seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**Sam** nominated **Doris** to be the Treasurer, seconded by **Les**, all in favor, motion carried.

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**Sam** nominated Sherry to be the District Sec./Asst. Treasurer, seconded by **Doris**, all in favor, motion carried.

**VII. Selection of District Newspaper:**

A motion was made by **Les** to have The Daily Star as the official newspaper, seconded by **Larry**.

**VIII. District Manager Report:**

Jordan reported that he should be hearing soon from the Genesee Brewery, as they are interested in investing money towards Water Quality Projects.

Jordan stated the district received grant money from USC to promote CREP, Buffer.

Ag. Non point- Jordan stated he closed 3 more projects, 8 possibilities for Ag. Point grants in the spring.

Jordan stated there is a winter manure spreading class on January 19,2017.

March 8, 2017 will be the 4 hour Sediment Erosion class. April 5,2017 there will be Soil, Health, cover crops class.

Jordan stated that 3 towns want salt sheds: Plainfield, Hartwick, Pittsfield. **Les** stated That Roseboom was interested and **Doris** stated Butternuts is as well.

Jordan gave **Les** the paperwork needed for County appropriation,. which needs to be signed and notarized. Jordan stated the auditor has all of the information he requested for credit cards usage.

**IX. FSA:**

Kristin stated that the new director for FSA Sandy Scott will be starting on January 23, 2017. FSA has a new committee member Jason Jordan. Rex Seamon and Jennifer Harrington are also members.

Kristin stated she has been working with Erica on CREP

**X. NRCS:**

Tony reported that they have been very busy. They have received 41 Equip. applications, 27 of them are from Otsego County, 23 of the applications have been submitted.

The applications are for Forest Management, Ag Energy, Maple, Forestry, Habitat practices, High Tunnels, Livestock waste. Tony stated he has been working with Erica and Jordan for CRP.

Tony states he is short 1 staff member in Delaware County.

**XI. Conservation Technician Report:**

Jordan gave report for Chris. Chris has been busy working on the Annual newsletter,

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Ag. Assessments, Leatherstocking Envirothon, Tree and Fish sale.

**XII. Buffer Coordinator:**

Jordan reported for Erica. Erica has been working on the Butternut Assessment. Erica has all of the information for Lidar on a hard drive to use for planning, for everyone's use within the district. Jordan and Erica attended USC riparian Buffer work group in Cortland on January 5, 2017.

**Other Business:**

We will be having a finance meeting at 9:00am each month prior to our regular meeting at 10am. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

**Next meeting Thursday, February 16, 2017**  
**Finance committee at 9am**  
**Regular meeting at 10 am**

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Sherry Mosher**

**District Sec./Asst. Treasurer**

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