

## Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District

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### OTSEGO COUNTY SWCD BOARD MINUTES

March 23, 2017

#### **Members Present:**

Les Rathbun, Chair, Grange Rep.

Ed Lentz, Member @ Large

Meg Kennedy, Vice Chair, Cty. Rep.

Doris Moennich, Landowner, Treasurer

Larry Roseboom Sr., Farm Bureau

Jordan Clements, District Mgr.

Sherry Mosher, District Secretary

Andrew Grabo, NRCS

Sandy Scott, CED FSA

#### **Absent:**

Sam Dubben, Member @ Large

Jim Powers, Cty. Rep.

#### **I. Called to Order:**

**Les Rathbun** called the meeting to order at 10:46 am, due to having an Executive meeting prior to regular meeting for discussion with auditor.

#### **II. Approval of February minutes:**

**Ed** made a motion to approve February minutes, seconded by **Doris**, motion carried.

#### **III. Reading and approval of February Treasurer report and paid bills.**

Motion made for approval of minutes made by **Larry** and seconded by **Ed**.

Sherry reported that once again, the bank was adding a service charge on some of our accounts. Sherry called the bank and we will be reimbursed for these charges. Andrew at NBT assured us that it will be taken care of and no further charges should incur.

Sherry continues to organize a different way of printing monthly reports, grant transactions. Sherry reports tree orders continue to come in, the deadline is April 1, 2017.

#### **IV. District Manager:**

Jordan reports the Ag & Farmland Protection Plan has nearly been completed. Jordan stated that he submitted a clean water BMP to OCCA, there are 12-15 project/practices. Jordan met with Bill Mason and Peter Oberacker to discuss the Forestry Program, they discussed potential positions of the forestry program, maintaining land, trail maintenance, perimeter markings. Jordan stated that there ideally would be cost share of 50% with the County. Jordan stated that we could use Part C funds to hire a forest technician that would be needed to run the program. Jordan would like to put together a Proposal to the County Board.

Jordan told the board that DEC awarded the grant to Otsego County instead of Otsego SWCD for the salt shed WQIP on Rt 51 in Butternuts.

Jordan states that the Ag non point source is due, we have 6 resolutions for grants as there is \$15.1 million for funding available. A motion was made by **Larry** and seconded by **Meg** to approve the 6 resolutions, for 2.5 million dollars.

Jordan stated there is a problem with Round 20- the contractor

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called to say that the farmer for round 20 has not paid him. Jordan has made several attempts to reach the farmer, via phone, he has not returned any message. There was a total of \$115,000.00 paid to the farmer.

In December the contractor said the farmer still owes him \$44,000.00. We have a year and a half on the grant.

New CAFO regulations, if they have 300 adult milking cows or more - they are to be considered CAFO farms, no manure spreading on saturated soils, essentially saying no winter spreading.

### **V. FSA:**

Sandy reported that CREP is moving forward with non ag point grant, all plans must be submitted by July 15, 2017. A storm report was submitted for a farmer in Cherry Valley due to storm damage to his barn and loss of livestock, ( barn collapsed). FSA went to the farm to speak with farm owner.

### **VI. NRCS:**

Andrew reported an update of potential application date of June for Equip contracts. 17 - Otsego Cty., 6- Delaware Cty., 6- Sullivan Cty.

### **VII. Conservation Technician:**

Chris continues to be busy completing Ag Assessments(42).

Chris mailed letters to town/highway superintendents for Hydroseeding.

Chris is involved in the Leatherstocking Envirothon as well as NYS Envirothon.

### **VII. Buffer Coordinator:**

Erica reports she has been busy with the following:

-Compiling GIS data

-Training: NAACC stream crossing assessment training refresher

-Coordinating with interns who are assisting with background report-OCCA and SUNY Oneonta.

#### **CREP:**

-Worked on CREP conservation plans for current projects and potential Round 23.

-Erica now has full access to LincPass.

-Training: webinar- Successful Buffer Restoration: Initial Establishment Methods and Post-Planting Care, by NRCS-2/22/17.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Next Meeting April 20, 2017

Finance Meeting-9 am.

Regular meeting- 10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Mosher  
District Secretary

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