

Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District

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OTSEGO COUNTY SWCD BOARD MINUTES

May 18, 2017

Members Present:

Les Rathbun, *Chair, Grange Rep.*
Meg Kennedy, *Vice Chair, Cty. Rep.*
Doris Moennich, *Land Owner Treasurer*
Larry Roseboom Sr., *Farm Bureau*

Staff Present:

Jordan Clements, *District Mgr.*
Sherry Mosher, *District Secretary*
Sandy Scott, *FSA*
Tony Capraro, *NRCS*

Absent:

Ed Lentz, *Member @Large*
Sam Dubben, *Member @ Large*
Jim Powers, *Cty. Rep.*

I. Called to order:

Les called meeting to order at 10:00 am

II. Approval of April minutes:

Motion made by **Larry** and seconded by **Meg** to approve April's minutes. Motion carried.

III. Reading and Approval of April Treasurer Report and paid bills:

Sherry reported that once again the bank was charging service fees for some of the bank accounts, Sherry had spoke with the local branch manager in February to make sure this did not continue to happen. He assured her that he had contacted the main office to make sure this was taken care of; however, charges were incurred on some accounts for April. Sherry called the local bank manager and he again apologized and stated he would be in touch with the main office again to find out why this practice continues. He received an email from the main office apologizing for the delay in stopping the charges. He refunded all monies due to each account and gave Sherry a copy of the email that he received, which is now filed with board minutes for April. Motion made by **Doris** and seconded by **Larry** to approve treasurer report and paid bills. Motion carried.

IV. District Report-Jordan Clements, District Manager:

Jordan stated that he received 6 applications for the summer Intern. Jordan reported that Stephanie Talaia-Murray was chosen for the position which will start next week, May 22, 2017. Stephanie has had previous stream studies experience. Stephanie recently graduated from Hamilton College. Stephanie's hours will be Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm. Stephanie will be in this position until the end of August. Her duties will include working with Erica on Butternut and buffer projects, hydroseeding and several other projects. Jordan explained to the board that they will have 2 trainings at next month's meeting. Jordan stated that the contract for the buffer coordinator will be complete in October and he would like to present a 3 year contract to NRCS using the same cost share program-NRCS paying 75% and Otsego County SWCD paying the remaining 25%. Jordan stated that we could utilize Part C funds for some of the payment.

Jordan stated that WQIP grants are due by the end of June.

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Jordan reports that Erica has been busy installing 4 Buffers.

Jordan stated that we will be having a tour this fall, visiting 4 farms.

V. Conservation Technician:

Jordan stated that Chris has been busy working on the local Envirothon, NYS Envirothon, tree/fish sale, Ag. Assessments. Some local areas were reassessed at much higher tax rates, therefore they have extended the time period until the end of May to have Ag. Assessments completed. Jordan stated that after this year Chris will no longer participate in the NYS Envirothon.

VI. NRCS:

Tony reports that he and his staff remain very busy. Tony stated that there were 6 applications for Otsego County for the conservation stewardship. Press release was sent to the newspaper for EQIP due by June 16, 2017 for next year obligations. Tony will start working on Round 22 with Jordan.

VII. FSA:

Sandy states that the staff remains busy getting CREPS done.

VIII. Other Business:

None

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Next Meeting:

June 15, 2017

Finance meeting- 9:00 am

Regular Meeting - 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Mosher
District Secretary