



Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and Order of Business

24 April 2023

Meeting was called to order by Meg at 1:03

In attendance:

Directors – Meg Kennedy (Chair), Darrin Hickling, Helene Kraham, Ed Lentz, Jennifer Mickle
District Staff – Christos Galanopoulos

Absent: Doug Roberts

Motion made by Ed, seconded by Jennifer, to approve the Meeting Minutes of 4/14/2023 as amended. Vote to approve 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

Abstract of claims was circulated for audit and approval. After further discussion of NYSEG supply charges, Abstract 08-2023 was presented in the amount of \$21,719.17. Motion to approve made by Jennifer and seconded by Ed. Vote to approve 5-0. It was further decided Robin would look into ESCO for cheaper supply rates on all accounts.

District Manager, Christos reported the following:

- Hughes – Proof of payments have been obtained from Clark for more than \$146,000. He will continue discussion next meeting.
- Beecher – Confirmation must still be made as to whether Jess Engineering had been paid \$3100.
- Climate Resiliency – Only one sentence remains to be amended in the Landowner/District Contract. It has been emailed to Board members for review. The agreement has been approved subject to Attorney review. When the Board signs the agreement, the request for 65% will be made.
- Round 29, Jasmar Farms – This 2-3 year manure waste storage facility project comes with a \$854,000 price tag, \$484,000 covered by NRCS. The Board would like to see a more complete deconstruction of the line costs before committing support. Scott and Jeanine will be invited to explain the NRCS portion and how those figures tie into the project totals.
- Hydroseeding quotes (attached) are received from Seedway, Northern Nurseries, and Lakeside Sod. Motion by Ed and seconded by Jennifer to accept Seedway as the lowest responsible bidder and award. Vote to approve 5-0.

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Old Business

The search to fill the Board vacancy continues. Meg's previous prospect declined the position, but she is speaking with another potential appointee and will report again next meeting.

The District will buy a new vehicle through the State Contract. It is not clear why the 2013 Chevy Equinox was not totaled after the 2022 accident. Insurance carrier will be contacted to see if there is a remedy.

The Board conducted final discussion for Personnel Policy. The remaining policy revision discussions should be fairly quick, after which time the Board will formally adopt the policies.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Moshier
District Secretary