



**Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors  
Organizational Meeting**

January 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Meg at 10:02AM

**In attendance:**

*Directors* – Meg Kennedy (Chair), Darin Hickling (Vice Chair), Ed Lentz (Treasurer), Brian Danforth, Helene Kraham, Jennifer Mickle, Doug Roberts

*District Staff* – Christos Galanopoulos (DM), Reya Mertz (Technician)

**Motion** to turn control of the meeting over to the Secretary for the election of officers by Jennifer, second by Darin. Vote to adopt 7-0

Discussion followed regarding who would comprise the slate of officers and how it would be elected. Ed announced he will resign his Board position this year and wanted to give the Board sufficient time to fill the vacancy. Ed also agreed to serve, if elected, as Treasurer until someone else could take over.

**Motion** to nominate the following slate of officers by Helene, second by Doug. Vote to adopt 7-0

Chair – Meg  
Vice Chair – Darin  
Treasurer – Ed

**Motion** to have the Secretary cast one ballot to elect Meg as Chair by Helene, second by Jennifer. Vote to approve 7-0

**Motion** to have the Secretary cast one ballot to elect Darin as Vice Chair by Helene, second by Darin. Vote to approve 7-0

**Motion** to have the Secretary cast one ballot to elect Ed as Treasurer by Jennifer, second by Darin. Vote to approve 7-0

At 10:11AM control of the meeting was returned to the Board Chair.

**Motion** to designate NBT Bank as the institution for all checking and savings accounts of the District by Jennifer, second by Helene. Vote to adopt 7-0

**Motion** to approve Robin to make electronic fund transfers as necessary to keep checking accounts solvent by Darin, second by Brian. Vote to adopt 7-0

**Motion** to adopt *Procurement Policy* for 2024 by Darin, second by Helene. Vote to adopt 7-0

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**Motion** to adopt *Investment Policy* by Ed, second by Jennifer. Vote to adopt 7-0

**Motion** to amend *Investment Policy* to reflect new FDIC regulations insuring up to \$250,000 of deposited funds by Darin, second by Helene. Vote to adopt 7-0

**Motion** to designate the Daily Star as the official new paper for the District by Helene, second by Darin. Vote to adopt 7-0

**Motion** to close the Organizational Meeting by Darin, second by Jennifer. Vote to adopt 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Moshier, District Secretary