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## Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District

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### OTSEGO COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

#### **Members Present:**

Les Rathbun, Chair, Grange Rep.  
Meg Kennedy, Vice Chair, Cty. Rep.  
Larry Roseboom Sr, Farm Bureau  
Ed Lentz, Member @ Large  
Doris Moennich, Land owner

#### **Staff Present:**

Jordan Clements, District Mgr.  
Sherry Mosher, District Secretary

#### **Absent:**

Michelle Farwell, Cty. Rep.

#### **Guest:**

None

**I. -Les** called the meeting to order @ 10:05am.

**II. –Approval** of August Minutes, motion to approve made by **Ed**, seconded by **Meg**, motion carried.

**III. -Approval** of August treasurer report, motion to approve made by **Ed**, seconded by **Meg**, motion carried.

- Approval of paid bills, motion to approve made by **Ed**, seconded by **Meg**, motion carried.

#### **IV. – District Reports: Sherry**

-Sherry reported that she has been utilizing the QuickBooks diamond program for further training.

-Sherry stated that she has already completed several courses and will continue.

-Sherry reported that the farm tour date has been changed to Friday, October 4, 2019.

#### **District Reports: Jordan:**

-Jordan asked for approval to post the forester position, motion to approve made by **Ed** and seconded by **Meg**, motion carried.

- Jordan reports that he closed out 2 grant accounts, and will be closing 4 more within the next 6 months.

-Jordan reported that he submitted 3 Ag non- point source grants.

-Jordan was invited to speak at Hartwick College Water Quality Symposium in October about working with buffers.

- Jordan reports that 4 towns and Otsego County have utilized the hydroseeder. Jordan stated he would like to do outreach training for hydroseeding.



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-Mark attended the meeting to give his monthly report.

-Please see attached reports.

### **V.- NRCS:**

-No report

### **VI. – FSA:**

- Lisa reported that the Dairy Program deadline is extended until September 27, 2019.
- Lisa stated the 20/20 sign up begins in October through December.
- The Base Program ARC starts in October through December.

**No further business, meeting adjourned @ 11:14am.**

**Next meeting: Thursday October 17, 2019**  
**Finance mtg-9:30**  
**Regular mtg-10:00**

**\*\*\*\* November meeting will be held on Wednesday November 13, 2019**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sherry Mosher**  
**District secretary**



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# **Mark Kugler Stream Technician**

## **August-September Monthly Report**

### **Week of 8/19**

- Explored USDA computer.
- Researched pond remediation techniques.
- Total Station survey training with NRCS
- Reviewed information from Laurens CSD and explored grant opportunities
- Pond site visits.

### **Week of 8/26**

- Stream site visits in Wells Bridge and Morris.
- Prepared for Tauzel meeting (which was postponed).
- Electrofished Schenevus Creek with DEC and Trout Unlimited. We found 46 Brook Trout in a 200ft stretch of the creek!
- Took a day to spend time with family before my brother's wedding.



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### **Week of 9/2**

- Went to Delaware County to help transport desks back to Cooperstown.
- Explored potential grant opportunities for Ed Gross (Indian Creek).
- Spoke with Terry Moomaw about potential remedies for pond issues, and typed up my recommendations.
- Attended EPA roundtable with Jordan.
- Familiarized myself further with Tausel project specifics.

### **Week of 9/9**

- Organized buffer monitoring data and edited report to be sent to USC.
- Spoke with Mike Lovegreen and attempted to plan ESI Training.
- Prepared for Small Stream Workshop (homework).
- USC Buffer Committee conference call.
- Attended Small Stream Workshop in Delmar, NY.

### **Week of 9/16**

- Potential Trees for Tribs site visit with Jordan and Lydia from USC.
- Planning for Leinhart T4T project.



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**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Conservation Technician Report**

**Jessica Miller**

### **AEM**

- Conducted Tier 1 update and site visit for potential prescribed grazing system AgNPS grant.
- Conducted a site visit with Karl with a potential prescribed grazing system applicant.
- Prepared and mailed out farm tour 2019 invitations.
- Created 2019 Farm Tour signs and brochure to hand out to attendees.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Timesheet corrections due to formula errors.
- Working with NRCS to get ArcGIS running on new workstation.
- Website and Facebook edits weekly.
- Attended NRCS Conservation Planner Training in Walton, NY.
- Manned the NY State Fair Soil and Water Conservation Districts Booth with Karl for one shift.