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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS January 24th, 2013

### PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Tim Costello, Director	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Evelyn Wood, Director	Dean Moore, SrDT
Mark Brown, Director	Bob Bombard, WRS
	Nick Rowell, NRS
	Beth Gilles, LCH/LG Regional Planning

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Montesi convened the Director's meeting at 1:00pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Costello to approve the minutes of December, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wood, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report:** NONE
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has \$21,042.93, most of which is grant money. Bills for payment and approval in December 2012, totaled \$1,993.66. **Motion: by Wood to approve bills for payment for January and the financial report for December, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown, carried.**
  - c) **Correspondence:** (See appendix B)
    - Resolutions No. 14 and 40 adopted from Warren County Board of supervisors for the District.
    - A letter from NYACD to the District Board thanking the board for there past supports and with hopes that the District continues.
- 4) **Business:**
  - a) **Appointment of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman & Treasurer:** **Motion:** Costello to reappoint the same chairman-Frank Thomas, Vice President-Ronald Montesi and Treasurer-Rhonda L. Jarvis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown, carried.
  - b) **2013 Legislative Days – February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Albany:** Lieberum mentioned that he will be attending the 2013 Legislative Days in Albany and if any of the board members are interested in attending please contact Rhonda and she will get you registered. Brown, Ryan and possibly Costello will be attending with Lieberum.
  - c) **2013 SWCD Annual Plan of Work – Approval:** **Motion:** by Wood to accept the 2013 SWCD Annual Plan of Work as presented. Rhonda will

send it to NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Costello, carried.

- d) **Annual report review (incl. B & C):** Lieberum passed around the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committees annual reports that the District has completed and he explained the process for each report and passed them around for comment and review. The reports will be sent early next week after final review.
- e) **Board meeting and member evaluation:** Thomas had evaluations sent to all board members in November for them to review and fill out for discussing in November's meeting, it was postponed until January's meeting. Lieberum went over the outcome and some parts were reviewed and discussed.
- f) **Schroon Lake Consolidated Funding Application – Success:** Lieberum mentioned that the District submitted the Schroon Lake Grant and it was awarded to Schroon Lake. So the District will have some involvement and Lieberum will keep the board informed when it starts up. This grant will help greatly to preserve Schroon Lake from Milfoil and other invasive.
- g) **Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition:** This group meets at the District's office and it consists of many district's and local partners in the surrounding areas. It is moving forward with trying to initiate water quality data collection for the group. If this progresses this group will need to have a gap analysis conducted to identify what data is lacking and what needs are to be assessed, then go into planning stages. Lieberum thinks the District should be involved do to 75% of our county is in the watershed.
- h) **2013 Adirondack Waterfest – Chestertown:** The Adirondack Waterfest will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> behind the Chestertown Hall in Chestertown, NY. Gilles states this year's event seems to be moving along great and with lots of help so it should be a great turnout. Gilles also asked if the District Board would like to match the LCH/LG Planning Board with support monies of \$500 towards the Adirondack Waterfest event. **Motion:** by Brown to support in the Adirondack Waterfest in the amount of \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Costello, carried.
- i) **Post Flood Stream Intervention Training:** Lieberum mentioned the whole staff except for Rhonda attending this training session o Emergency Stream Intervention at NYS DEC in Warrensburg based on the work and guide published by the Delaware County SWCD. It was a well received training and Lieberum has suggested that another, training be held in our area. If the board was interested in having a copy of the training book he will make copies here at the District and give them at the next meeting.
- j) **Other:** 1, Lieberum passed out flyers and a card for the manager of the skidder bridge NYS DEC program. 2. A meeting was set up with Chris Navitsky and Tom Jarrett in regards to a potential joint English Brook Watershed Stormwater improvement project, that maybe connected to our English Brook Stormwater grant projects discussed. Lieberum will keep board informed when more has been discussed and decided. 3. Lieberum and Bombard conducted a site visit to Copake Lake and work with the Lake Association to further reduce effects of stormwater runoff within the watershed. They will evaluate the first two phases and will write a report

with further recommendations. 5. The Water Quality Symposium will be held in Auburn, NY on March 12 -15, 2013 at the Holiday Inn. All staff except Rhonda will be attending the training session and if any of the board members are interested in attending this session please contact Rhonda and she will get you set up.

5) **Partner Report:** Reviewed Fitcher's-NRCS and Bob Bower- NYSSWCC Report. Beth Gilles spoke briefly on some events happening with her group.

6) **District Staff Reports:**

- a) **James Lieberum, DM**, Jim's report was reviewed.
- b) **Bob Bombard, WRS**, Bob's report was reviewed.
- c) **Dean Moore, SrDT**, Moore's report was reviewed.
- d) **Nick Rowell, NRS**, Nick's report was reviewed.

7) **Adjournment: Motion: by Wood adjourn Directors meeting at 2:45p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Costello, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer  
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

APPENDIX: A - Treasurer Report  
B - Correspondence  
C - Partners reports  
D- Staff Reports