



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS November 25th, 2013

### PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Ron Montesi, Vice Chairman	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Tim Costello, Director	Dean Moore, SDR
Charlie Maine, Director	Nick Rowell, NRS
	Bob Bombard, WRS

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Chairman Thomas convened the Director's meeting at 1:00pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:** **Motion:** by Montesi to approve the October minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maine, carried.
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report:** Thomas mentioned that was unable to attend the District's NYSCDEA Division Meeting up in Long Lake, NY. Thomas also mentioned that the Warren County Board of Supervisors had passed the 2014 Budget and the District's budget was approved as stated.
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$67,872.74; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment and approval in November 2013, totaled \$883.52. **Motion: by Costello to approve bills for payment for November and the financial report for October, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Montesi, carried.**
  - c) **Correspondence:** A letter from Paul Dusek stating the Warren County SWCD Budget was passed as presented along with any changes made.
- 4) **Business:**
  - a) **NACD Annual Meeting-** The NACD 2013 Annual Meeting will be held in California on February 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Lieberum has looked up the cost of the meeting for the District which will be \$2000pp Please let Lieberum know who maybe interested by December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 so arrangements can be made and finances show that the District could send one District Board member.
  - b) **Current Grant Project Updates- Schroon Lake EWM Hand Harvesting:** Lieberum and Bombard attended the Schroon Lake Steering Committee meeting to report on the end of year results of the 2013 hand harvesting season and to answer any question they may have had on the results and the plans for future harvesting. **Lake George/ Hudson River Fish Passage Project:** Field work has been completed on the LG/HR Fish

Passage Round 10 grant with a total of 9 replacement culverts and financial assistance with one arch bridge installed in the county. Grant applications for WQIP Round 11 are being worked on now. **Glen Lake Stormwater Retro-fit Program:** Installation at the Glen Lake Car-top Boat Launch of permeable pavers is being completed with the Town of Queensbury. The County DPW is scheduling the installation of two dry well systems on Oxbow Road in the Town of Queensbury. **English Brook Stormwater & Sediment Abatement Project:** The District will have the Town of Lake George Highway Dept. complete the Route 9 infiltration system installation for the District now and the District has NYSDOT regional final approval. District has the materials for the system delivered to the Town of Lake George Highway Dept. District is also working with The Lake George Water keeper and Jarrett Engineers, PLLC on the Northway Exit 22 on ramp Stormwater Mitigation Project.

- a) **Urban Forestry Grant Application:** DEC Urban and Community Forestry and Lieberum have been finalized a county wide application that deals with inventorying street trees in urban settings. This is the City of Glens Falls, Village of Lake George, the MS4 Urbanized areas for the Towns of Queensbury and Lake George, and the hamlets of the remaining towns. We are maxing out at \$25,000 for community size and will be contributing a small match. This would go a long way for our communities planning efforts, especially with the Emerald Ash Borer rapidly approaching.
- b) **LCBP Grant Applications:** Lieberum developed two grant applications for the Lake Champlain Basin Program, Soil Savers and Erosion & Sediment Control along with an assist in developing one for Warren County purple loosestrife Management Program. All were passed around for review.
- c) **Philmont Project:** The Columbia County SWCD has requested the District's assistance in developing a watershed Stormwater assessment for the Village of Philmont, Summit Lake. At this time a contract has been accepted and Lieberum and Bombard have proceeded to move forward in this development. Lieberum will keep the Board members up to date on the progress.
- d) **Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition:** The seven counties that make up this group are applying for funding through the DEC's WQIP grant program. Hamilton County SWCD is sponsoring a NON-AG NPS grant for the communities of approx. \$500,000. The Greater Adirondack RC&D is sponsoring a project that includes streambank stabilization, culvert replacement and skidder bridge crossings for approximately \$300,000.
- e) **North Creek Ski Bowl Pond:** North Creek is looking to revitalize the North Creek Ski Bowl area Lieberum has had site visits and is assisting in the Ski Bowl Pond Dredging and drainage issue on Oven Mountain Road. Lieberum will keep board members up to date on the progress.
- a) **Hazard Mitigation:** FEMA/SOEM Lieberum sent in 1 application from the District office on behalf of the county, for the next Hazard Mitigation Planning book. It is a 75% cost share grant and Lieberum applied for the maximum of \$112,500. Prior to its development, it was discussed with Paul Dusek at the County and he was very happy to have this put in and if funded, will be recommending placing a line item in the County budget in

2015. Along with Lieberum assisting the Town of Lake George with their application. The Town's application was for a dedicated LP generator for the Diamond Point Water Systems. Dan Davis (TLG Highway Dept.) did a tremendous amount of work to get the information for the application.

- b) **Historic Aerial Imagery Project:** All the historic photos have been linked in this program. The program will be available to the public in a month or two. You will be able to utilize an image such as Google Earth and bring up the 1948, 1966, 1982 and 1990 photos for comparisons without using any advanced or special software. In time we will georeference these photos for use in GIS.
- c) **December Meeting:** The District December monthly meeting will be held in the Town of Warrensburg at Lizzy Keys restaurant starting at 11:30am.
- d) **Other:** NONE.

5) **Presenter- Jim Campopiano: Consulting Forester for the RC&D Skidder Bridge Program,** Campopiano presented a great presentation to the Board and it was well received. He touched base on all aspects of the Skidder Bridge Program. Several Organizations are working hard to keep this moving in the right direction and getting the word out to purchase or rent the Skidder bridges.

6) **District Staff Reports:**

- a) **James Lieberum, DM,** Lieberum report was reviewed.
- b) **Bob Bombard, WRS,** Bombard report was reviewed.
- c) **Dean Moore, Sr. DT,** Moore report was reviewed.
- d) **Nick Rowell, NRS,** Rowell report was reviewed.

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