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# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS April 25th, 2016

#### PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman Jim Lieberum, DM

Mark Brown, Director

Tim Costello, Director Dean Moore, SrDT Evelyn Wood, Director Robert Bombard, WRS Charlie Maine, Director Nick Rowell, NRS

Ron Montesi, Vice Chairman

Craig Leggett, Supervisor of T of Chester

- 1) <u>Meeting was called to order:</u> Chairman Thomas convened the Director's meeting at 1:02pm.
- 2) <u>Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes:</u> Motion: by Montesi to approve the March 2016 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** NONE

## 4) Report of Officers:

- a) Chairman Report: No Report
- b) Treasurer Report: As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$246,403.03; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for April totaled \$14,255.52 and approval of March financial report 2016. All grant account approvals for payment in March if added are approved. Motion: by Wood to approve all bills for payment for April, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Montesi, carried. Motion: by Costello to approve the financial report for March 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wood, carried.
- c) Correspondence: 1. A Thank you note from Amber Paice, NYACD for inviting her to present for the NYACD at last month's board meeting. 2. An article in the Chronicle on the WC Canoe access. 3. An email to Lieberum from NYS DEC about notable numbers from the 2015 deer harvest.

## 5) **SWCD Business:**

a) Tree and Shrub Review, 2017 suggestions, Tree Pick up was a success as always just a few orders still need to be picked up this week but it went well. The day of pickup was great we sold many extra trees and shrubs. The District has few species left if any of the board members are interested in a few more please let Dean know. Overall great tree and shrub year. Please start thinking about new species or offerings for next year 2017 tree and shrub program if you have any please let Dean know.

- **b) 2017 NYS EPF Part C funding confirmation,** 15-80 K for spending will include: purchase of new hydro-seeder, under Hazzard Mitigation the purchase of 6" water pump, staff time, and school property conservation projects.
- c) Osby Ms4 Annual report and program review, Nick met with every department in the Town of Queensbury before finishing the draft report which has been completed and posted at the Town and SWCD websites for public review and comments.
- d) Warren County Ms4 Annual report and program review, Jim finished the draft report which has been posted at the county and SWCD websites for public review and comments.
- e) **NAACC Training**, Our staff and members of the 8 Upper Hudson River Coalition of SWCD's took part in North Atlantic Aquatic Crossing Coalition training for the survey of road/stream crossings given by members of the NYSDEC.
- f) LID Conference- May 12, 2016, Information about the upcoming Low Impact Development Conference sponsored by the Fund For Lake George at the Blue Water Manor in Bolton, which will be attended by Bob from our office.
- g) Current Grant Project updates, We have received the upfront monies for NYS DEC round 11 grants and the staff has been moving forward to get projects lined up for a start of a busy construction season. All quarterly reports have been submitted. Two NYS DEC grants will be closing this year so the projects on them are moving forward too (English Brook and Schroon Habitat grants). The NYS DEC round 12 grants have been submitted along with vouchers for 25% upfront monies to the District, hopefully the District will receive it soon.
- h) Warren County Envirothon- May 4, 2016, This Warren County Envirothon is approaching us quickly we have 6 out of the 8 schools participating this year and The District has a bonus school who has jumped on board Southern Adirondack B.O.C.E.S they will be bring 3 teams to the District's event. The event starts at 9:30am on May 4 and lunch will start at 11:30am so please feel free to stop by for a bit to eat and check out the stations the students are working through for the competition. It will wrap up around 3pm. See you all there.
- i) Other
- 6) Other Agencies: Bob Brower, NYSSWC report was reviewed and Scott Fitscher, NRCS/USDA report was reviewed.

### 7) 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's Report was reviewed.
- d) Nick Rowell, NRS, Rowell's, Rowell's Report was reviewed.

8) Adjournment: Motion: by Montesi to adjourn Directors 2:15p.m., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maine, carried.	meeting at
Respectfully submitted,	
Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer  Date Approved:	