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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS September 23rd, 2019

PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Mark Brown, Vice Chairman	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Tim Thomas, Director	Nick Rowell, NRS
Tim Costello, Director	Bob Bombard, WRS
Susan Wilson, Director	
Michael Greenslade, Director	

- 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 Tim Thomas to approve the August 2019 minutes, 2nd by Brown, carried.
- 3) **Presenter: NONE**
- 4) **Report of Officers:**
 - a) **Chairman Report:** Thomas had no report this month but to mention it is a busy budget time at the county and Thomas would like Lieberum to present at the county board meeting about the District office on all the District accomplish' s for towns and county.
 - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$221,149.52 most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for September totaled \$9,010.92 and grant bills for approval totaling \$23,247.10, which had been added to the signature sheet, approval of August financial report 2019. **Motion: by Brown to approve all bills for payment for September, 2nd by Greenslade, carried. Motion: Motion: by Tim Thomas to approve the financial report for August 2019, 2nd by Brown, carried.**
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1.2019 Lake George Park Commission Survey Final Report for Asian Clam in Lake George and 27 locations where found. 2. Article in the Lake George Mirror on the LGA with help from District on the Exit 22 project and projects along I87. 3. MOU from USDA/NRCS to be signed by Chairman of board.

5) **SWCD Business:**

- a) **Review of County Budget Meeting**, Lieberum and Rhonda met the county budget officer and others from the county to go over the District's 2020 Budget. There were not many questions and all looked good and the budget committee liked the District's budget was under 2% another year.
- b) **2019 NYACD Meeting**, the 2019 NYACD meeting is coming soon October 22-24, please let Rhonda know who will be attending so she can get you registered. Rhonda, Frank Thomas and Tim Thomas will be attending so far.
- c) **Approval of 2020 Annual Plan of Work, Motion:** by Brown to approve the 2020 Annual Plan of Work and send it down to NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee for approval, 2nd by Greenslade, carried.
- d) **2020 Part B proposed projects, Motion:** by Tim Thomas to approve the added Part B proposed project "Warren County WQ Sampling" to be sent to State Committee to be approved, 2nd by Susan, carried.
- e) **Proposed SWCD – Cornell Cooperative Extension Project**, Rowell mentioned Jess from the Cornell Cooperative Extension from the Master Gardener Program sat down with Rowell and Maren to discuss Cornell Cooperative extension start to grow some of the Native Plants that the District purchases for many projects it is in the first stage of planning hopefully it will all work out and the District can purchase from Cornell instead of non-local business.
- f) **December Meeting** December luncheon meeting for the District will be held on December 16th and location has yet to be decided but Lieberum mentioned maybe we can try the Hudson Street SUNY Adirondack restaurant might work out but still in discussion please if anyone knows of a local area for a meeting and luncheon please let Lieberum or Rhonda know.
- g) **Community Conservation Program- review of current status** – None this month.
- h) **Community Conservation Program application review and approvals** –None this Month.
- i) **Current Grant Project updates-** LCBP grants are wrapping up for the season along with some in their final report and payment. New proposals for the LCBP will be coming in for the District to propose they will be completed and sent in by Halloween.
- j) **SWCD Board of Directors Reporting info** – None this Month.
- k) **Other**, 1. Post Emergency Stream Intervention Training Well Susan mentioned it was very interesting. 2. Schroon Lake Management Plan update was passed around to be viewed. 3. A final soil health class will be completed by the end of October and Rowell is looking to add another cover crop class through the Upper Hudson.

6) **Staff Reports :**

- a. **Jim Lieberum, DM,** Lieberum's report was reviewed
- b. **Robert Bombard, WRS,** Bombard's report was reviewed
- c. **Dean Moore, SrDT,** Moore's report was reviewed
- d. **Nick Rowell, NRS,** Rowell's report was reviewed
- e. **Maren Alexander, DT, Alexander's** report was reviewed
- a. **Ryan Cunningham, NYS SWCC,** Cunningham's report was reviewed.

7) **Adjournment: Motion: by Brown to adjourn Directors meeting at 2:07p.m., 2nd Greenslade, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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