

BROOME COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2021

1. **Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m., by Chair, M. Donahue.

Present Were:

M. Donahue, Chair	B. Park, Natural Resource Asst.
G. Baldwin, Member	C. McElwee, Executive Director
A. Urda, Member	J. Puglisi, Grazing Specialist
E. Heard, Member	

2. **Minutes**: The minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved.
Motion by A. Urda to approve, seconded by E. Heard.

3. **Treasurer's Report & Bills:**

A) Financial Report February 2021 was approved. (see attachment)
Motion made by E. Heard to approve the February Financial report, seconded by A Urda.

B) March 2021 bills were approved. (see attachment)
Motion made by E. Heard to approve March bills, seconded by A. Urda.

Introduction of new Broome County Legislative Rep. on the District Board for 2021, Greg Baldwin.

4. **Correspondence**: Folder was circulated. C. McElwee mentioned the award letter for Round 26 Ag Non-Point grant, confirm 2020 State Performance Standards, and proposed budget for EPF dollars for soil & water districts.

5. **Reports:**

NRCS: E. Steele was not able to attend meeting. Her report is in Director's folders. Discussion followed.

District: C. McElwee (written report in folders). Producer in Town of Lisle lost a barn which had young stock and dry cows inside due to fire. C. McElwee spoke with him to offer some assistance with how to handle the deceased cows. Fuller Hollow Creek project continues to move forward with an anticipated final design in May. J. Puglisi: No-till and post pounder have appointments set up for producers to rent, working on AEM implementation projects 1 is completed the others need to be complete by 12/31/21. AEM implementation change of landowner from Kark Farm to Dennis Rowe. Kark farm is included in a grazing grant, therefore would like approval from the Board to change AEM Round 16 Implementation landowner from Kark Farm to Dennis Rowe, he will utilize the \$12,000 that is available. **Motion** made by G. Baldwin to approve the landowner change from Kark to Rowe, seconded by A. Urda. Motion carried. B. Park: working on the DEC

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cover crops program, sent a flyer out to promote this program, USC buffer program, whole farm visits. Broome will be doing a USC buffer planting on April 24th for Trees for Tribes program, working on learning to do a grazing plan with J. Puglisi. Attending the virtual Water Quality Symposium and assisting H. Lurenz with tree program.

6. New Business:

A) District Book Audit: Will check with Directors after the tree program.

B) Public Employee Emergency Plan Draft: C. McElwee provided copies to the Directors for review. After discussion, some changes are to be made to pages 5, 7, 8 certain sections are to read "District Board and Executive Director...."

Old Business

A) Work update – provided in District reports above.

7. Personnel: Timesheets – All timesheets reviewed and signed by A. Urda and E. Heard.

Next meeting will be April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Broome SWCD District Shop Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

M. Donahue, Chair

H. Lurenz, Secretary

Attachments:

Financial Report – February 2020

List of Bills – March 2021

E. Steele - NRCS Report

C. McElwee's Report

J. Puglisi's Report

B. Park's Report

P. J. Emerick, NYS SWCC, Report