

BROOME COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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

Present Were:

M. Donahue, Chair
E. Heard, Member
A. Urda, Member
P. Shafer, Member

L. Price, Member
J. Puglisi, Grazing Specialist
P.J. Emerick, NYS SWCC

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the August 2021 meeting were approved.
Motion by L. Price to approve, seconded by E. Heard.

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

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

B) September 2021 bills were approved. (see attachment)(inc. transfers & approval of possible grant payments before next board meeting.)
Motion made by E. Heard to approve September bills, seconded by A. Urda.

4. **Correspondence:** Letter from Johnson City Rotary Club regarding Pilot Pond Testing program. After discussion regarding this, the board decided that this would be better suited for a college or university. J. Puglisi will contact the Rotary Club with this decision.

5. **Reports:**

P.J. Emerick updated the board. Over the last few weeks the Covid-19 information has been changing, make sure SWCD is aware of the changes.

Two small funding opportunities: RFP0237 Saturated Buffer Pilot Program and Erosion & Sediment Control Implementation for Genesee River & Finger Lakes Watersheds Round 2. Discussion followed.

2021 AEM Leopold Award Winner: Megan Hauser & family from Table Rock Farms and the Wyoming County SWCD for taking top honor for 2021 AEM Leopold Conservation Award.

2020 NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee's report is available now.

State Committee meeting was today. He and Justin attended via zoom.

Reports Con't

Reports due by November 1st to State Committee: 2022 Annual Plan of Work, Part B Conservation Project Financial Assistance request, and the AEM Round 17 Plan of Work.

Other news: On-Farm Grain Storage Management Training on September 23 and Conservation Skills Workshop is September 27-30, in Cortland New York.

Arbor Day Funding Available: Arbor Foundation is seeking proposals for 2021/2022 large-scale plantings that will positively impact the environment, create habitat for wildlife, promote watershed restoration and other benefits to the public. Proposals due on-line by September 24th.

NRCS: E. Steele's report is in Director's folders.

District: J. Puglisi & B. Park's (written reports in folders) Discussion regarding obtaining cover crop contract signatures, no-till seeder and post pounder have been rented, load of mulch has been delivered. Bid package received from Broome County Landfill – J. Puglisi sent bid in for \$10,200. Obtained signatures for Fuller Hollow Creed project and submitted them to Tioga County SWCD. Flooding technical assistant calls from landowner in Town of Fenton – confluence of Ballyhack & Osborne creeks – J. Puglisi did not notice anything that needed attention. Rip rap was doing its job. Town of Chenango, Kelly Road suggested the landowner possibly move the driveway. J. Puglisi and B. Park will be attending the Conservation Skills Workshop in Cortland next week. J. Puglisi asked if it is possible for him to take the RAM truck home for use to drive from his home to the workshop. Board had no issue with it. Leave his vehicle and keys will H. Lurenz at the office.

J. Puglisi received a request from the Town of Greene for hydroseeding along a stream that runs into Broome County- approximately 1 mile of seeding needs to be done. Town checked with Chenango County SWCD but their machine has been down awaiting parts for a while.

6. New Business:

- A)** NYS Ag & Markets Round 26 Grant – need signature on Contract. Decision was made to have M. Donahue sign as Chairman of the Board.
- B)** USC Proposal Letter for 2022 Landscape Restoration Grant – Letter of support was signed by M. Donahue for Broome SWCD which indicates support of the proposal and the Broome SWCD match provided from previous district tree programs.
- C)** USC Meeting this Friday 9/24 at 10:00 a.m. via zoom. H. Lurenz will forward the link for this meeting to the directors. A. Urda and E. Heard will attend via zoom.

New Business Con't

- D)** Conservation District Manager position – M. Donahue mentioned that the personnel committee along with P. J. Emerick performed two interviews today. Personnel committee will meet in the next two weeks to discuss and have a recommendation at the October 2021 board meeting.

Old Business:

- A)** Work/Grant Update – discussed in district reports.

- 7. Personnel:** Timesheets – All timesheets reviewed and signed by A. Urda.

Next meeting will be October 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Broome SWCD District Shop Building.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by P. Shafer, seconded by L. Price. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

M. Donahue, Chair

H. Lurenz, Secretary

Attachments:

Financial Report – August 2021

List of Bills – September 2021

J. Puglisi's Report

B. Park's Report

P. J. Emerick, NYS SWCC, Report