



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Brianna Rosamilia, District Manager
Janice Regan, Bookkeeper

Minutes

Thursday, May 25th, 2023
 9:00 am

Attendees

BOD present: James Dean, George Wargo, Bob Milone
 BOD excused: Larry Brissing, Fred Brinn
 SWCD Staff: Brianna Rosamilia, Eugene Bondar (Attorney)
 Public: Jen Zunino-Smith (Rockland CCE), Marcus Octaviano (SWCD Consultant)

Meeting opened at 9:05 am

1. Approval of minutes: April 2023 – Approval of April 2023 minutes postponed to June board meeting.
2. Financial Report:
 - a. Treasurer’s report – on behalf of the treasurer, L. Brissing, B. Rosamilia read the following financial report:

Account Balances as of 5/19/23

Account	Balance
SWCD checking account	\$717,160.87
Round 12 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$100.00

Round 15 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$3,275.85
Total	\$720,536.72

Motion to accept account balances made by G. Wargo, B. Milone seconded – unanimous.

SWCD Checking Account EXPENSES

Date	Check No.	Amount	Payable To	Description
4/24/23	1264	\$2,131.25	Bauer Crowley	Auto insurance – Part A 8730451
4/25/23	1266	\$1,319.08	Marcus Octaviano	Part C – Consultant services
4/26/23	1262	\$547.06	Forestry Suppliers	Part C 8730460 – Crowd Hydrology
5/1/23	Debit	\$140.98	Verizon Wireless	District cell phones - Part A 8730442
5/4/23	1267	\$400.00	LJF Accounting	Part C - professional services
5/10/23	1270	\$1,628.66	Marcus Octaviano	Part C – consultant services
5/12/23	1269	\$26.98	Commissioner of Finance	Fuel charges for April - Part A 8730463

SWCD Checking Account DEPOSITS

Date	Check No.	Amount	Description
4/17/23	Analysis INT	\$1,007.41	Interest earned on account
5/12/23	NYS OSC ACH	\$14,722.47	WQIP Round 15 Grant
5/15/23	Analysis Int	\$1,220.76	Interest earned on account

Round 12 WQIP Grant Account

No recent activity

Round 15 WQIP Grant Account

Date	Check No.	Amount	Description
4/27/23	1029	\$4,679.00	Village of New Hempstead

Motion to approve expenses and deposits as listed above made by G. Wargo, B. Milone seconded – unanimous.

- b. WQIP Updates:
 - i. Request transfer in the amount of \$14,722.47 from SWCD checking account to Round 15 WQIP grant account – ***Motion to approve transfer in the amount of \$14,722.47 to Round 15 WQIP account made by B. Milone, G. Wargo seconded – unanimous.***
 - ii. Request check in amount of \$5,948.26 to the Village of Suffern – ***Motion to approve the requested check in amount of \$5,948.26 to the Village of Suffern by B. Milone, G. Wargo seconded – unanimous.***
 - iii. Request check in the amount of \$9,296.82 to the Town of Clarkstown – ***Motion to approve the requested check in amount of \$9,296.82 to the Town of Clarkstown by B. Milone, G. Wargo seconded – unanimous.***

- 3. New Business:
 - a. Leadership institute for SWCD employees – B. Rosamilia requests permission to attend this institute if selected. Cost is \$400 plus travel fuel costs, currently the District Manager is allotted \$1,150 in training funds for the year – ***Motion to approve permission of B. Rosamilia to attend leadership institute training made by B. Milone, G. Wargo seconded – unanimous.***

 - b. Regional Manager’s meeting for SWCD – June 15th @ Dutchess SWCD office in Millbrook, NY. RSVP with head count by May 26th. Participation by board members meets our performance measure 1G for the year. – B. Rosamilia, J. Dean, G. Wargo, and B. Milone plan to attend.

- 4. Old business:
 - a. Westchester Envirothon participation – Rockland SWCD lent equipment to the event so they could run their aquatics station. This allows the Rockland SWCD to report participation in this event on our annual reports as a partnership between other SWCDs. The event went well, there is talk of making this a regional event to include Rockland County, but there is a lot of coordination involved, and more staff capacity is needed.

 - b. Reminder to complete the District Law training: G. Wargo and B. Milone will complete the District Law training via the recorded presentation from the April meeting.

 - c. Eel project updates:
 - i. American Eel Project successfully completed its 9-week 2023 season. Starting on March 8th through May 24th, a total of 75 volunteers sampled and recorded 2,167 glass eels, and 211 elvers. Fyke net was removed on May 24th by B. Rosamilia and M. Octaviano. “Eelebration” Wrap-up event to be held on June 13th for volunteers.

5. Upcoming events:
 - a. “Eelebration” Wrap-up event – Tuesday, June 13th @ 5 pm at Haverstraw Bay Park Pavilion. Hosted to thank American Eel Project volunteers and inform attendees on total eel numbers for the season.
6. Next Meeting Date: June 22nd, 2023 @ 9 am
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am – ***Motion to adjourn made by B. Milone, G. Wargo seconded – unanimous.***

Respectfully submitted by Marcus Octaviano and Brianna Rosamilia