



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

June 16th, 2022

Attendance

BOD Present: Jim Dean, Fred Brinn, Bob Milone, George Wargo,

Excused Member: Larry Brissing

SWCD Staff: Allan Beers, Charlotte Ramsey (County Attorney), Nicole Laible, Kyle McGovern (RCSC), Kevin Varghese (RCSC)

Public: Jen Zunino-Smith

Jim Dean called the meeting to order at 9:37 am

1. Approval of the minutes: March Minutes: 24, 2022 - postponed due to not all members being in attendance.

April Minutes: 28, 2022 - *Motion to approve the April 2022 minute made by*

F. Brinn, B. Milone seconded -unanimous.

2. Financial Report

- a. Allan Beers presented the Financial Report on behalf of Larry Brissing, Treasurer.

Account Balances as of 6/15/22

Account	Balance
SWCD checking account	\$484,911.97
Round 12 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$100.00
Round 15 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$3,397.95
Total	\$488,409.92

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

SWCD Checking Account EXPENSES

Date	Check No.	Amount	Payable To	Description
4/27/22	1215	\$2,081.55	Bauer Crowley Inc	Excess auto insurance – Part A 8730451
4/27/22	1213	\$2.69	Brianna Rosamilia	Eel project equipment purchase – part A 8730416
5/2/22	Debit	\$141.02	Verizon Wireless	District cell phones - Part A 8730442
5/3/22	1216	\$125,850.00	Commissioner of Finance	Reimbursement to County for SWCD staff – Part A (JR, AB, NL) Part C (BR)
5/4/22	1217	\$400.00	LJF Accounting	Professional services - part C
5/6/22	Debit	\$4,334.00	Merchants Mutual	Auto insurance – Part A 8730451
5/13/22	1219	\$38.84	Commissioner of Finance	April fuel charges - Part A 8730463
5/13/22	Debit	\$10.77	Home Depot	Sand for sandbags for canopy tent - Misc Supplies_Part A 8730416
5/19/22	1218	\$3,850.00	Beaverkill Trout Hatchery	Trout stocking Part A 8730407
5/31/22	Debit	\$141.02	Verizon Wireless	District cell phones -Part A 8730442
6/3/22	Debit	\$19.96	Home Depot	Pollinator Garden, tools – Part C 460
6/6/22	Debit	\$43.83	Stop and Shop	Eel wrap up event - part A 8730416
6/6/22	Debit	\$27.92	Home Depot	Pollinator Garden, tools Part C 460
6/7/22	1220	\$400.00	LJF Accounting	Accounting services – Part C

6/8/22	Debit	\$12.98	Home Depot	Pollinator Garden, tools - Part C 460
6/9/22	Debit	\$232.14	Pantano's Pizza	Eel wrap up event part A 8730416
6/10/22	Debit	\$39.95	Amazon	Pollinator Garden, plant signs - Part C 460
6/10/22	Debit	\$10.95	Amazon	Pollinator Garden, garden pens - Part C 460
6/14/22	Debit	\$95.98	Amazon	Culvert project, waders purchase 8730416 & 8730464
6/15/22	1222	\$ 8.10	Nicole Laible	Ice Eel event part A 8730416
6/15/22	1223	\$56.51	Brianna Rosamilia	Mileage - 8730460

SWCD Checking Account DEPOSITS

Date	Check No.	Amount	Description
5/16/22	Analysis Int	\$36.29	Interest earned on account
5/26/22	Deposit	\$3,850.00	Reimbursement for Trout Stocking from Harry Frei Trust

Round 12 WQIP Grant Account

No recent activity

Round 15 WQIP Grant Account

No recent activity

Motion to accept the expenses and deposits listed above made by B. Milone, F. Brinn seconded - unanimous.

3. Presentation by Jen Zunino-Smith, CCE Rockland

Jen presented the history of the WQIP round 12 and 15 grants to the board and shared the option for funding support moving to the Non point source program under the NYS DEC. She

recommended that the application process move to the individual municipalities to ensure all receive adequate funding. ***Motion to approve WQIP round 15 quarterly reports, signed by Jim Dean and Allan Beers, made by G. Wargo, B. Milone seconded – unanimous .***

4. Old Business:

- a. Water Quality Research line item: N. Laible encouraged the board members to submit proposals for this line item totaling \$13,500. She will also follow up with Larry Vail from the SCWA to see if adjustments to their original scope can be made to expend these funds.
- b. Education Programs and Community Science Updates
N. Laible presented that 356 youths and adults were educated between May and June by SWCD staff over the course of 10 programs including Conservation Field Days, wrap up events, and partner programs. Staff also piloted our first Conservation Field Day for Kindergarteners with West Haverstraw Elementary School which was a success. The SWCD also piloted a headwaters tour of the Minisceongo Creek watershed with PIPC staff and Strawtown Studio staff. A total of 15 people attended that tour for the Minisceongo Creek Watershed Alliance.
- c. WAVE will begin July 1-September 30th and Brianna will be looking for a small number of volunteers to help maintain the pollinator garden this summer.
- d. Scouting for eel ladder site location along the Minisceongo Creek this summer. If you know of any sites that would be a good eel ladder location let me know.
- e. Submitted letters of support for the HRWA towards HREP Guidance Document funding support and commitment to provide a match, serving on their committees and assisting with the process locally. And letter of support and to serve on the advisory committee for the SCWA watershed characterization technical assistance application to the HRWA

5. New Business:

- a. Introducing new RCSC members: Kevin Varghese and Kyle McGovern.
- b. Amended reimbursement (travel and purchases) policy
 - i. N. Laible presented the amended reimbursement policy and procedures as directed by the auditing firm.
Motion to accept the amended policy made by G. Wargo, F. Brinn seconded – unanimous.

Adjourn: ***Motion to adjourn made by G. Wargo, B. Milone seconded - unanimous.***

Meeting closed: 10:38 am

Respectfully submitted by K. Varghese and K. McGovern.