



## SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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*Nicole Laible, District Manager*  
*Brianna Rosamilia, Conservation District  
Technician*

### Minutes

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
9:30 am  
Virtual meeting

### Attendees

BOD Present: Jim Dean, Larry Brissing, Bob Milone

Excused members: Fred Brinn, George Wargo

SWCD Staff: Allan Beers, Nicole Laible, Brianna Rosamilia, Charlotte Ramsey (County Attorney)

Public: Ben Luskin (NYS SWCC), Chris Lowry (University of Buffalo)

Meeting opened at 9:34 am

1. Roll Call – Jim Dean led a roll call for individuals present at meeting -- BOD: Jim Dean, Larry Brissing, Bob Milone. Staff and other -- Allan Beers, Brianna Rosamilia, Charlotte Ramsey, Nicole Laible, Ben Luskin, Chris Lowry.
1. Presentation: Chris Lowry, PhD, University of Buffalo, co-founder of CrowdHydrology. Chris presented an overview of CrowdHydrology and success stories of the program. This program has run for over 10 years. Project consists of giant ruler sits in a stream or lake and signs prompt members of the public to send text messages of what the water height is at the time and location. The measurement immediately goes into a database after being texted. Costs per station vary between \$60-\$150. The Board will review this information and make a vote at the September meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes: January, March, June and July Meeting Minutes.
  - a. January Minutes – *Motion to approve the January minutes made by B. Milone, L. Brissing seconded – unanimous.*
  - b. March minutes – Approval postponed until the next board meeting.
  - c. June minutes – Approval postponed until the next board meeting.
  - d. July minutes – *Motion to approve the July minutes made by B. Milone, L. Brissing seconded – unanimous.*

3. Financial Report:

- a. On behalf of the treasurer, Larry Brissing, A.Beers presented the financial report

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
SWCD checking account	\$482,733.24
Round 12 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$100.00
Round 15 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$9,776.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$492,609.79</b>

*Motion to approve the account balances made by L. Brissing, B. Milone seconded – unanimous.*

- b. On behalf of the treasurer, Larry Brissing, A. Beers presented the expenses and deposits for the SWCD accounts as listed below:

**SWCD Checking Account EXPENSES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Check No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payable To</b>	<b>Description</b>
7/21/22	Online transfer	\$30,978.60	Transferred to Round 15 WQIP grant account	Transfer to Round 15 WQIP grant account
8/1/22	Debit	\$141.30	Verizon Wireless	District cell phones - Part A 8730442
8/4/22	Debit	\$6.83	Home Depot	Part B – other contractual Part C 8730460 – Corps final project purchase
8/5/22	1226	\$400.00	LJF Accounting	Professional services - part C
8/5/22	1227	\$21.98	Kevin Varghese	Part B – other contractual Part C 8730460 – Corps final project purchase
8/8/22	1225	\$190.53	Staples	Office supplies
8/8/22	Debit	\$5.97	Home Depot	Part B – other contractual Part C 8730460 – Corps final project purchase

8/9/22	1228	\$91.82	Commissioner of finance	July fuel charges - Part A 8730463
8/9/22	Debit	\$35.94	ShopRite	Wrap up event: Part C 8730460
8/10/22	Debit	\$227.26	Luigi O'Grady's Deli	Wrap up event: Part C 8730460
8/15/22	1229	\$549.47	Fuery Image Group	Uniforms – Part A 8730460
8/16/22	1231	\$30.00	NYSCDEA	Conservation Skills workshop training for Brianna –Part A- Trainings 8730431

**SWCD Checking Account DEPOSITS**

Date	Check No.	Amount	Description
8/15/22	Analysis Int	\$93.00	Interest earned on account

**Round 12 WQIP Grant Account**

No recent activity

**Round 15 WQIP Grant Account**

Date	Check No.	Amount	Payable To	Description
7/21/22	Online transfer	\$30,978.60	Deposit	Transferred from SWCD general account
8/8/22	1016	\$4,600.00	H2M Architects & Engineers	Professional services
8/15/22	1017	\$20,000.00	Cornell Cooperative Extension	Dec grant January 2021- June 2022

***Motion to approve the expenses and deposits in the accounts made by B. Milone, L. Brissing seconded – unanimous.***

- c. Approval to purchase two keyboard trays for staff from Office Supplies line (based on previous month's approval to utilize cumulative fund balance when needed)- \$540.90 total. ***Motion to approve purchase of two keyboard trays for staff from the Office Supplies-cumulative fund balance made by L. Brissing, B. Milone seconded – unanimous.***

4. Old Business: No old business was reported.

5. New Business:

- a. Culvert Project summary – B. Rosamilia provided update on the summer 2022 culvert project. The seasonal staff assessed 136 crossings in the Towns of Ramapo and Clarkstown. The Town of Ramapo is now completed.
  - b. Community Science Updates- WAVE – B. Rosamilia provided an update on the 2022 WAVE project. Corps members collected 3 samples and volunteer groups have collected 2 samples. Two more volunteer groups are scheduled to collect samples before September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Temboo Updates- 2022 project season + air quality sensor potential – N. Laible provided an update to the board about keeping the sensor in for another year to get another baseline reading. Temboo can add on an air quality sensor for \$2-3K for the sensor and another \$500 for the cloud, which would provide information on particulate matter for air quality. This will be presented formally at the September board meeting.
6. Upcoming Events: No events reported
  7. Public Participation: No public participation
  8. Next Meeting Date: Next meeting date needs to be rescheduled. N. Laible will send out an e-mail to get the Board's availability.
  9. Adjourn: ***Motion to adjourn made by B. Milone, L. Brissing seconded – unanimous.***

Meeting closed at 10:35 am.

*Respectfully submitted by Brianna Rosamilia*