



**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center  
50 Sanatorium Road, Building A- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Pomona, New York 10970  
Phone: (845) 364-2670 Fax: (845) 364-2671  
Email: laiblen@co.rockland.ny.us

**Board of Directors**

*James J. Dean, Chairperson*  
*Larry Brissing*  
*Fred Brinn*  
*George Wargo Jr.*  
*Bob Milone*

**District Staff**

*Allan Beers, Executive Director*  
*Nicole Laible, District Manager*  
*Brianna Rosamilia, Conservation District*  
*Technician*

**Minutes**  
**October 20, 2022**

**Attendees**

BOD Present: Jim Dean, Bob Milone, George Wargo  
Excused: Larry Brissing, Fred Brinn  
SWCD Staff: Brianna Rosamilia, Janice Regan  
Public: Ben Luskin (NYS SWCC)

Meeting opened at 9:35 am. With the Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Roll Call** – J. Dean leads roll call for SWCD board members: Jim Dean, Bob Milone, George Wargo.
2. **Approval of Minutes**: June 16, 2022 – *Motion to approve the June minutes made by Bob Milone, seconded by George Wargo – unanimous.*  
Minutes of March and August are postponed until the next meeting.

3. **Financial Report:**

- a. Approval of Report of the Treasurer – B. Rosamilia presented the Treasurer’s report on behalf of the treasurer, Larry Brissing.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
SWCD checking account	\$483,463.03
Round 12 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$100.00
Round 15 WQIP Grant (MS4 Mapping)	\$9,776.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$493,339.58</b>

*Motion to approve the account balances made by G. Wargo, B. Milone seconded.*

**SWCD Checking Account EXPENSES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Check No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payable To</b>	<b>Description</b>
8/31/22	Debit	\$141.30	Verizon Wireless	District cell phones - Part A 8730442
9/2/22	1232	\$400.00	LJF Accounting	Professional services – part C
9/12/22	1235	\$8.60	Nicole Laible	Cards – Office supplies Part C 8730443
9/13/22	1234	\$4,400.00	Commissioner of finance	RCSC corps members – Part B Other contractual culver project – personnel costs
9/13/22	1233	\$41.29	Commissioner of finance	August fuel - Part A 8730463
9/26/22	Debit	\$99.99	Otter.ai	Transcription software - Part C Office supplies 8730443
9/29/22	Debit	\$31.86	Fuel (outside of county)	Fuel - Part A 8730463
10/3/22	Debit	\$192.00	Holiday Inn	Conservation

			Express Cortland	skills workshop (to be reimbursed by NYS Conservation Employees Association)
10/3/22	Debit	\$141.30	Verizon Wireless	District cell phones - Part A 8730442
10/5/22	1238	\$1,507.50	Bauer Crawley	Public officials liability Part A 8730456
10/5/22	Debit	\$15.00	USPS	WAVE Sample mailing – Part A other contractual
10/6/22	1240	\$400.00	LJF Accounting	Professional services – part C
10/12/22	1239	\$300.00	Hudson River Watershed Alliance	Stream sponsor – Part C Dues/sponsorships 8730460
10/17/22	1241	\$30.03	Commissioner of finance	September fuel - Part A 8730463
10/17/22	Debit	\$579.36	Amazon marketplace	Supplies for cleanup event: Part B MCWA Cleanup 8730460

**SWCD Checking Account DEPOSITS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Check No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
9/15/22	Analysis int	\$169.56	Interest earned on account
10/12/22	Deposit – NYS OSC ACH	\$8,698.88	Reimbursement for Round 15 WQIP grant

10/17/22	Analysis Int	\$149.58	Interest earned on account
----------	--------------	----------	----------------------------

**Round 12 WQIP Grant Account**

No recent activity

**Round 15 WQIP Grant Account**

No recent activity

***Motion to approve the expenses as listed made by G. Wargo, B. Milone seconded – unanimous.***

- b. ***Motion to transfer the funds of \$8,698.88 from the SWCD general account to the Round 15 bank account made by George Wargo, B. Milone seconded – unanimous.***
  - c. WQIP updates: Self-certification and state aid vouchers for Q3-2022 need to be signed. J. Dean authorized use of his signature stamp on the documents.
  - d. Temboo Project Extension \$2,500 – October 2022- October 12, 2023 (Water Quality Line Item) ***Motion to extend the service with Temboo for another year, made by G. Wargo, seconded by B. Milone – unanimous.***
- 4. **Presentation** – None
- 5. **Old Business:**
  - a. Required Board Trainings: Workplace Violence, EEO and Diversity & Inclusion – B. Milone, J. Dean, G. Wargo, L. Brissing all completed the in person training held on 10/18/22. F. Brinn will need to complete the required training before the end of the year.
  - b. **Crowd Hydrology Status Update** – Discussion on how to move forward with this project from August meeting. The board is interested in purchasing equipment from Buffalo University. Need to determine how many streams to monitor and what waterways in each town – need list of flood areas. Suggested working together with Drainage Agency; restrictions vary. Monitors would need to be placed on head walls and abutments so that the volunteers can read the height. Areas most prone to flooding include the Minisceongo Creek, Lake Welch to Hudson River area, Pascack Brook, and Hackensack River. Jim Dean stated that each town would decide the stream and how much they would participate. Does Buffalo install the monitors (George Wargo)? (Bob Milone) monitors are ~\$150 each. Brianna Rosamilia stated that she has volunteers that would read the monitors. Bob Milone stated that you can order directly from the website. Next steps forward – B. Rosamilia will send board members the list of county regulated streams. Board members will decide how many stations they

want to purchase and send it to the SWCD staff. SWCD staff will put together an approximate cost. SWCD staff will also communicate with Chris Lowry at UB to determine costs for installation. SWCD can present anticipated costs at the next board meeting for members to vote on.

- c. **WAVE Update** - B. Rosamilia provided an update that 22 volunteers collected 7 samples from 7 sites across Rockland County. Samples were mailed to the NYS DEC offices in Albany.
  - d. **Education Program** – B. Rosamilia provided an update that 1,800 youth and adults were educated over the course of more than 40 programs including several Conservation Field Days, A Day in the Life of the Hudson River, and more.
6. **New Business**
- a. B. Rosamilia presented the 2023 Part B Project proposal- Minisceongo Creek Watershed Alliance Cleanup for \$1,000 and the Culvert assessment for Clarkstown for \$5,000. ***Motion to approve the Part B project proposal for 2023 made by B. Milone, seconded by G. Wargo – unanimous.***
  - b. NYS SWCC updates by Ben Luskin
    - 1. November 1, Part B voucher \$6,000 due. The check would be received the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December, must spend in calendar year. Can submit a revised request.
    - 2. November 1 Annual Plan of Work due.
    - 3. Part C funding raised to \$180,000.
    - 4. Money granted to address farmland, water quality within the state.
    - 5. DEC awarded Federal Funds for Climate change measures.
    - 6. Forest Program – new plantings farm and forest are eligible, trails walkways, agricultural operations, erosion control.
7. **Upcoming Events:** MCWA Cleanup 10/22 @ Garner Arts Center
8. **Public Participation:** None
9. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.
10. **Next Meeting Date:** November 17, 2022 (Budget & Performance Measure Review)

*Respectfully submitted by Janice Regan and Brianna Rosamilia*