



**MADISON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 22, 2024 12:00 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting**

Present: Ric Barnes, Chairman & At-large Farming Public Representative
Allen Hough, Vice-Chairman & Farm Bureau Representative
TJ Stokes, County Legislator
Charlie Pace, Non-Farming Public Representative
Steve Lorraine, District Manager
Amy Hayduke, District Clerk/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were emailed to the directors in advance for review. *A motion was made by Charlie Pace, seconded by Ric Barnes to approve the October 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.*

3. Treasurer's Report – Amy Hayduke

The Treasurer's report, minus the Payroll Summary and Vacation & Leave summary, was emailed to the directors in advance for review.

The board packets included the following Quickbooks reports for October 2024:

Bank Account Report, Unpaid Bills Detail, Paid Bills Detail, Check Detail, Deposit Detail, Payroll Summary, Vacation & Leave by Employee (Dovico report). *A motion to approve the October 2024 Treasurer's report was made by Allen Hough and seconded by Charlie Pace. Motion carried.*

A motion was made by Ric Barnes, seconded Allen Hough to approve payment of 37 bills in the amount of \$451,794.93. Motion carried.

4. Manager's Report – Steve Lorraine

- Jessica Heim and Tom Conklin continue updating CNMP plans for both CAFO and non-CAFO farms.
- Tom Conklin and Joann Burke have just about completed soil sampling for this fall.
- Tom Conklin has been completing Ag Assessments as they come in.
- Andy Haslauer and Tom Conklin continue to assist multiple landowners and municipalities with DEC permits.
- Andy oversaw the completion of a covered barnyard for a farm in Morrisville.
- Andy Haslauer is overseeing the construction of a covered barnyard for a beef farm in Brookfield.
- Andy Haslauer is working on design of a flood mitigation project in Munnsville behind the fire house.
- Andy Haslauer completed a stream channel restoration design for a project on Limestone Creek in New Woodstock.
- Carl Bartlett oversaw the completion of manure storages at 3 farms.
- Carl Bartlett continues to oversee construction of a manure storage and a covered barnyard at a farm in Eaton.
- Carl Bartlett has been assisting multiple landowners with drainage.
- Carl Bartlett met with our engineer to get approval on as builts for multiple projects.
- Joann Burke has been working on reporting for our RD 18 AEM contract.
- Joann Burke has been working with the USC on BMP tracking for the Chesapeake Bay Program.

- We finally received our contracts for the four CRF RD 7 grants. We will start working on designs to implement in 2025.
- Steve Lorraine is working on a contract for a WQIP grant for the stream project in New Woodstock.
- Steve Lorraine has been working on multiple drainage issues for municipalities and private landowners.
- We have been starting to compile a list of projects for next year's flood mitigation program.
- Steve Lorraine has been reviewing our Part C budget and it looks like we will need to make some amendments to it. Steve will bring that to the next monthly meeting.
- We submitted three applications to the CAFO ENMP grant program. We are waiting to hear how they did.
- Steve Lorraine continues to work with Regional Planning on the O.L. 9E Watershed plan.
- Steve Lorraine continues to work with Cazenovia on their Wellhead Protection Plan.
- Steve Lorraine completed an audit of our 2024 Part C Performance Measure and we are in good shape.
- Steve Lorraine submitted the time extension request for the RD 27 Chenango grant.
- The 2025 Annual Plan of Work was submitted to the state.

5. **FSA** – No report, no one present.

6. **NRCS** – No report, no one present.

7. **CCE** – A report was sent and reviewed by the board.

8. **Committee Reports**

SWCC – The November 2024 report from Scott Fickbohm was included in the board packets. Steve Lorraine reviewed some points of interest in the report. Steve attended the online annual meeting. Jess Heim went to the CCA training.

County – TJ Stokes reported that the tentative budget passed.

9. **NYACD** - No report, No one present.

10. **CDEA** – Steve Lorraine reported that they are finalizing the Water Quality Symposium training schedule and that they are considering hiring a lobbyist.

11. **Old Business**

- The annual audit of the financial records was completed by Allen Hough and Charlie pace on 11/6/24. *A motion to accept the audit was made by TJ Stokes and Seconded by Ric Barnes. Motion carried.*

12. **New Business**

- The annual Contractor Appreciation luncheon will be held at noon on December 19th in the Ag Room at CCE in Morrisville. Holy Smoke will be the food caterer.
- Steve Lorraine discussed with the board that we are looking to hire an AEM planner. The board approved of him finding and hiring someone to fill this position.
- Fyler Rd solar project – SWCD was named as one the agencies to comment on the project. The Town of Sullivan will act as the lead agency. Forms were sent to us for approval. The details and environmental concerns were discussed. *A motion was made by Charlie Pace and seconded by Allen Hough to accept the Town of Sullivan Planning Board as lead agency for the Fyler Rd solar project.* Steve Lorraine will send a reply with comments concerning run off erosion, warming of water temperatures and storm water (plan was missing from the packet that was sent).

13. **Next Meeting**

December 19, 2024 11:00 a.m. at CCE 100 Eaton St, Morrisville.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Charlie Pace, seconded by TJ Stokes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Amy Hayduke

Amy Hayduke, District Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 11/26/24

Ric Barnes, Chairman

Date: _____

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