



MADISON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 16, 2026 7:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting

Present:

Board:

Ric Barnes, Chairman & At-large Farming Public Rep.
Allen Hough, Vice-Chairman & Farm Bureau Rep.
Dana Krueger, County Legislator
Charlie Pace, Non-Farming Public Representative

Staff:

Steve Lorraine, District Manager
Amy Hayduke, District Clerk/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barnes at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – The Draft of Minutes for the June 2026 meeting was emailed to the board members in advance and included in the board packets. *A motion was made by Charlie Pace, seconded by Allen Hough, to approve the June 2026 Minutes. Motion carried.*

3. Treasurer's Report – Amy Hayduke

- The Treasurer's report, excluding the payroll reports, was sent to the directors in advance. The board packets included the following monthly reports: Bank Account Report, Unpaid Bills Detail, Paid Bills Detail, Check Detail, Deposit Detail, Payroll Journal, Vacation & Leave by Employee.
A motion to approve the June 2026 Treasurer's report was made by Allen Hough and seconded by Dana Krueger. Motion carried.
- Bills – *A motion was made by Allen Hough and seconded by Dana Krueger to approve payment in the amount of \$103,133.50 for 17 bills. Motion carried.*

4. Manager's Report – Steve Lorraine

- Jess and Ryan continue updating CAFO CNMP's as needed.
- Jess and Steve attended multiple CAFO inspections with DEC over the past few weeks.
- Ryan is working to update several non-CAFO CNMP's.
- Ryan continues to work with NYS AEM planner certification to get his 3-plan review process done.
- Joann completed our USC BMP verification project for this year, and all info has been updated in the Bay model.
- Joann has been putting together our outreach event for the county fair on the day the students will be coming.
- Joann has been working on our display for the county fair.
- Tom and Bekah have been working on site visits to previously installed buffers and completing maintenance as needed.

- Tom, Andrew and Bekah have been working on multiple DEC permits for landowners and municipalities.
- Tom has been putting tree orders together for plantings scheduled for this fall.
- Andrew and Steve continue working with landowners on the WQIP stream project for DeRuyter Reservoir.
- Andrew completed a stream crossing design for a beef farm in Brookfield. It is out for bid.
- Andrew oversaw completion of an HUA on a farm in Morrisville.
- Andrew continues to move the post pounders around the county as requested.
- Andrew oversaw the completion of a watering system at a farm in Chittenango.
- Andrew, Jake and Steve have been working with the Town of Nelson on the red-flagged bridge in Lyons Road.
- Carl and Jake completed design for waste storage & transfer at a farm in Munnsville. It is out to bid.
- Carl and Jake are doing construction oversight on manure storage at a farm in DeRuyter.
- Andrew oversaw completion of a covered barnyard at a farm in Nelson.
- Carl is working on an irrigation system design for a vegetable farm in Lebanon.
- Carl and Jake are reviewing manure storages that are outside their original 10-year life span, to make repairs if needed and recertify them.
- Carl and Tom continue to handle Ag Assessments as they come in.
- We continue to work on multiple grant close outs.
- We continue to work with USC on the strategic planning process.
- Steve is working on multiple WQIP grant applications.
- Steve attended a regional meeting with DEC Permitting staff, to go over issues with the permitting process.
- There was a discussion about the increased DEC permit assistance workload.

5. FSA – No report, no one present

6. NRCS – No report, no one present

7. CCE – Maryellen Sheehan sent an email that was shared with the board. It mentioned Open Farm Day, the County Fair. They have been busy doing field visits regarding pests due to the recent drought.

8. Committee Reports

SWCC

The July 2026 SWCC report was included in the director's packets. Steve Lorraine reviewed the report with the board.

County – Dana Krueger

Resolutions were made recently to approve several new Agriculture Districts in Cazenovia, Nelson, Eaton and DeRuyter.

The Live Fire Training Facility was dedicated in memory of longtime Cazenovia resident and firefighter Samuel D. Osborne.

A resolution was passed backing a Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) application for a NYSDEC Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant.

9. NYACD/NACD

A letter from NYACD, in response to our previously sent letter, was included in the board member packets. A discussion occurred.

Also included in the director packets were: The July 2026 Letter to Directors from Blanche Hurbutt, Resolutions Process Roadmap, Resolution Submittal Form and Registration information for the upcoming Annual Meeting. These were reviewed and discussed.

10. CDEA – Steve Lorraine

Steve Lorraine reported that the Cons Skills workshops will be held in October. He will send the directors class information, in case anyone would like to attend.

There was a discussion about the possibility of CDEA hiring lobbyist.

11. Old Business

Audit – Steve Lorraine reported that he and Amy Hayduke spoke to CPA Dan Farrow about the estimate that he sent last month. There was a discussion about this. *A motion was made by Charlie Pace, seconded by Dana Krueger, to hire Farrow & Locke Associates to perform an audit/review of our Financial Operations Manual, test the policies and then provide a report, with a spending limit of \$7,000.*

USDA/EPA letter to Governor Hochul – The letter was emailed to the directors prior to the meeting and provided to them at the meeting.

12. New Business

USC/DR Mower – Steve Lorraine reported that he received estimates from 3 dealers and Early's Farm & Hardware had the best price in our area for the model that we would like to purchase. *A motion was made by Charlie Pace to allow Steve to purchase the DR mower from Early's for the quoted price of \$2999. The motion was seconded by Dana Krueger. Motion carried.*
The Draft USC Strategic Plan Elements was discussed. A copy of the plan was provided to the board members.

Computer Purchase – Steve Lorraine reported that the District Clerk/Treasurer's computer is no longer able to accept updates. *A motion was made by Allen Hough, seconded by Charlie Pace, to purchase a new computer, with a spending limit of \$1300. Motion carried.*

Quarterly Grant Review – The report was emailed to the directors prior to the meeting and also provided at the meeting. After review and discussion, *a motion was made by Allen Hough, seconded by Dana Krueger, to accept the report. Motion carried.*

2027 Budget – A draft of the budget was handed out. There was a discussion. Steve Lorraine will bring it back to next month's meeting for board approval.

13. Other business

Truck purchase update – An agreement was made with Den Kelly Chevrolet to purchase a truck. It is on order. The delivery date has not been provided yet.

14. Next Meeting

August 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Allen Hough, seconded by Dana Krueger. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Amy Hayduke

Amy Hayduke, District Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 7/20/26

Cedric M Barnes Jr

Ric Barnes, Chairman

Date: 8/19/26