

St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District
1942 Old DeKalb Road, Canton, NY 13617
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
For April 9, 2009, 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Cornell Cooperative Extension
Martin House/Learning Farm Classroom

Board Members Present: Robert Andrews, Jr. (Chairperson), Ed Hadlock (Vice-Chair), Dave Martin (Treasurer), Fred Morrill, Tom Grow and Tom Nichols.

Board Members Not Present: Clark Decker.

Staff Present: Dawn Howard (Manager), Katie Maloney (Technician), and Raeanne Dulanski (Secretary).

Guests Present: Anita Figueras, Finance and Personnel Manager, Cornell Cooperative Extension.

I. Call to Order & Introductions

II. Tour Martin House – Possible site for office relocation.

Tom Nichols joined the meeting at 8:20 PM

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: March minutes were **approved**.

IV. Treasurer's Reports: March Treasurer's report was **approved**.

V. Reports

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Figueras (Appendix A)

1. Explanation and discussion on Martin House expenses handout.
2. Andrews asked who owns the land. Figueras explained that Extension has life use of the land as long as it is used for education. Extension can have the land until they no longer want it, then it must go back to New York State. Andrews asked to have a judgment made to make sure that if the SWCD was to move to the Martin House, it would be considered educational and an accepted use of the space.

B. NYACD – Nichols

1. Nichols said that NYACD Executive Director Judy Littrell will be emailing a survey to SWCDs regarding the relationship between NRCS and SWCDs on a local level.
2. Nichols asked about building an addition onto the Martin House to move the USDA agencies to Cooperative Extension.
3. NYACD annual meeting will be held October 18-20th in Lake George. NYACD is trying to keep the price down.

C. AFPB – Andrews

1. The Board is busy getting plans ready for a Farm Tour on August 24 for the County Legislators, media and State Representatives.
2. Howard reported that the Recycling Ag Plastics Program (RAPP) baler was in St. Lawrence County last week and even with the bad weather, they were able to bale approximately 12 bales of plastic and estimated that they had another 10 to do. Approximately 14 farms participated.

VI. SWCD Reports

A. Manager’s Report – Howard (Appendix B)

1. SLC SWCD proposed Round 15 Grant project ranked 18th. We have a good chance at getting it funded.
2. Steve Lanthier’s area may be changed to include Jefferson and Lewis County and drop two Counties that he currently has.

B. Secretary/Assistant Treasurer’s Report – Dulanski

1. District Tree Program – 247 orders (39 more than last year), 28,688 trees preordered (4,410 more than last year).
2. State Tree Program – 74 units will be trucked (14 more than last year).
3. 79 Ag Value Assessments completed for 8,679.63 ac.

C. Technician’s Report – Maloney

1. Work on AEM Year 4 is continuing. On track to earn all of this year’s money. No word on Year 5 yet.

VII. Old and New Business

- A. Investment Policy –** Still has not been received from the County Attorney. Have called a number of times, but this is not a time sensitive issue.

VIII. Correspondence: None.

IX. Announcements: None.

X. Time and Date of Next Meeting: Thursday May 21, 2009, 7:30 PM at the SWCD office.

XI. Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 PM

Robert Andrews, Jr., Chairperson

Date

Raeanne Dulanski, Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer

Date

Attachments: Appendices A-B