

St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District
1942 Old DeKalb Road, Canton, NY 13617
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
For October 21, 2010 7:30 PM

Board Members Present: Robert Andrews, Jr. (Chairperson), Ed Hadlock (Vice-Chair), Clark Decker, Ben Stauffer, and Tom Nichols.

Board Members Absent: Fred Morrill (Treasurer) and Tom Grow.

Staff Present: Dawn Howard (Manager) and Raeanne Dulanski (Secretary).

Guests Present: Katie Maloney, NRCS; Kent Frary, NRCS; and Bob Brower, SWCC.

I. Call to Order

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: September minutes were **approved**.

III. Treasurer's Reports: September Treasurer's reports were **approved**.

IV. Special Presentation: Katie Maloney was presented with a plaque and letter of appreciation for her dedicated service to SLC SWCD.

V. Reports

A. NRCS – Kent Frary

1. Frary reported that he will be the new DC in Canton. His appointment starts October 25th; however, he will be gone to a training session the first week so his first day in the office will be November 1.
2. Frary has been working with Howard to set up a Local Working Group (LWG) meeting for November 2 from 1-3 PM in the SLC SWCD office. NRCS is looking for some good input from these meetings. NRCS is hoping to improve the screening process for applicants so the quality will be there with the contracts. The District is chairing the LWG this year.
 - a. Andrews asked about the purpose of the LWG. Frary explained.
 - b. Andrews asked about mileage for Board members that attend. It was the consensus of the Board that mileage would be paid.
3. Frary is looking forward to working with the new WRP Team to get projects implemented. He stated that there is a lot of work for the Team in Franklin County.
4. Andrews stated his concern with NRCS and the short deadlines that have been taking place.

B. SWCC – Bob Brower

1. Brower introduced himself to the Board. He is SLC's new regional specialist (Associate Environmental Analyst) with SWCC. He has been with SWCC for 10 years. Brower said that he is currently dealing with a learning curve for this new position.

2. Staffing changes have taken place with SWCC due to retirements.
3. NPS Round 17 was released 10/18 and proposals are due December 6. There is about \$13 million available for grants this year. October 27 there will be a meeting with Mike Latham and Brian Steinmuller about Round 17 for Brower's region in Ray Brook.

C. NYACD – Decker

1. Decker reported that the annual meeting went very well. Sunday afternoon a tour took place. Monday had morning education sessions and the state meeting in the afternoon. There was a lot of good discussion on the resolutions. Monday evening there was the banquet and awards were presented. Tuesday morning had additional educational sessions.
2. Discussion on the Chesapeake Bay situation was held.
3. Nichols reported that he was elected President of NYACD. One goal that Nichols has for the year is to tie SWCDs to economic development.
4. Andrews stated that he wants SWCD to work harmoniously with NRCS, DEC and Ag and Markets towards a common goal.

D. AFPB – Andrews

1. Andrews presented the Board with a copy of AFPB's synopsis of 2010 focus group meetings.
2. Next meeting will be November 4th.
3. Alex MacKinnon is the new Legislative representative on AFPB.
4. Howard stated that the Board of Legislators passed a resolution to have AFPB looking into a processing facility. Discussion on processing facilities ensued.

VI. SWCD Reports

A. Manager's Report – Howard (Appendix A)

1. *Motion to authorize Andrews to sign Part B 2010 amendment and 2011 proposal for private land forestry plans* **Approved.**
2. *Motion to pay NACD \$775 dues* **Approved.**
3. The joint EMC/SWCD EAB presentation at St. Lawrence University was very well received. Brower stated that he believes that the EAB issue presents a place for RC&D to do some projects.
4. Howard reported that we received our 2012 NYS Retirement Bill estimate. It's \$29,811. 2011's NYS Retirement bill is for \$21,670 vs \$14,350 that was paid for 2010.
5. SLC Budget has been released for review. There is a typo that states SWCD is receiving a 20% cut, but it should state a 10% cut.
6. *Motion to write a letter of support for a grant proposal to install informational kiosks along Stone Valley trail* **Approved.**
7. Howard presented on wetlands to a Master Forest Owners class.

B. Forester's Report – Howard

1. Earl has completed the fourth sale. Timber sale revenue for the year was \$70,000 and exceeded the goal.
2. Work on the fourth Part B is almost complete. Work on the fifth and final plan will start soon.

C. Secretary/Assistant Treasurer's Report – Dulanski

1. Fall Fish program has finished. 22 people ordered 7,825 fish for a profit of \$560.52.
2. Notice was received that a payment from NYS will be made for NPS Round 15 grant.

VII. Old and New Business

- A. Nichols submitted a bill for mileage from his trip to the NYACD meeting. *Motion to pay Nichols' mileage request* **Approved.** Nichols abstained from the vote.
- B. *Motion authorizing Andrews to sign the I-98 support resolution* **Approved.**

VIII. Correspondence: Appendix B

IX. Announcements: None.

X. Time and Date of Next Meeting: November 18, 2010, 7:30 PM at the SWCD Office.

XI. Executive Session: Entered 9:30 PM to discuss staffing issues. Exited at 10:15 PM.

XII. Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 PM

Robert Andrews, Jr., Chairperson

Date

Raeanne Dulanski, Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer

Date

Attachments: Appendices A & B