

St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District  
1942 Old DeKalb Road, Canton, NY 13617  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
For April 15, 2010, 7:30 PM

**Board Members Present:** Robert Andrews, Jr. (Chairperson), Ed Hadlock (Vice-Chair), Fred Morrill (Treasurer) arriving at 8:38 PM, Clark Decker, Tom Grow and Tom Nichols arriving at 8:12 PM.

**Board Members Not Present:** Ben Stauffer

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

**Guests Present:** Jim Pullano, NRCS

**I. Call to Order**

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

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

**IV. Reports**

**A. NRCS – Pullano**

1. Pullano reported that he is now in the process of writing contracts for EQIP. EQIP funding was pre-approved for one livestock waste project and several forestry projects.
2. Three WRP projects have been started and completed with another project to be started in April.
3. Heath Eisele from the Malone Field Office has accepted a position as the NRCS District Conservationist in Batavia, NY. Pullano stated that he will be missed in the St. Lawrence/Lake Champlain Watersheds Team.
4. Pullano reported that he has not received any further information on the proposed WRP team.
5. A summer intern has been hired to work in the St. Lawrence/Champlain Watershed from May 24<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. The intern will be housed in Canton.
6. Further details will be forthcoming concerning Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding through the WHIP to benefit the Golden-winged warbler in St. Lawrence County.

**B. NYACD – Decker**

1. April 26<sup>th</sup> the NYACD Board will have a face-to-face meeting in Utica.
2. Judy Littrell has been in Albany on a weekly basis working for EPF funding.

**C. AFPB – Andrews**

1. Next meeting will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

2. The results from the focus meetings have not been tabulated yet, but should be available for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
3. Andrews reported that there is an opening on the Board. If anyone knows someone that may be interested in filling this position, have them contact the Board of Legislators for an application.

## V. SWCD Reports

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

1. Howard reported that she was recently emailed a copy of the agreement from the DEC that they would like to have with the District for the Ag Plastic Baler. She made copies for the three Ag Plastic Committee members (Andrews, Decker and Morrill). Another agreement with Cornell University will be written soon.
2. A collection of hard plastics is going to be held at Cooperative Extension May 24 – 27.
3. Notice has been received that Nichols has officially been reappointed to the SWCD Board of Directors.

### B. Forester's Report – Howard for Earl

1. Marking of Area 30 sale near Postwood Park in the Town of Pierrepont continues.
2. The second of five private land plans will be started soon.
3. Logging on two jobs is currently taking place.

### C. Technician's Report - Maloney

1. Maloney requested permission to attend the CPESC Exam Review in Monroe County. Authorization for Maloney to attend the CPESC Exam Review with one over night stay **approved**.
2. Most of Maloney's time has been dedicated to AEM Year 5. Year 5 ends on May 6<sup>th</sup>. She reported that she is on target to earn the full amount of the funding.
3. Outreach for AEM Year 6 has started. Maloney has started creating press releases and brochures for interested farms. Maloney feels that NMP's are going to be key for Year 6, not the CNMP's that she has been focused on. She is also looking at writing grazing plans for a variety of livestock. There are nine farms interested in Year 6 so far. Maloney worked with about 20 farms in Year 5.

*Nichols arrives at 8:12*

4. Maloney reported that a grass pelleting group meeting was held earlier in the week. A demonstration project is being developed.

### D. Secretary/Assistant Treasurer's Report – Dulanski

1. Dulanski reported that the tree program has been her main focus. 209 orders have been received for about 21,500 trees. Total trees that the District will be handling this year between the District's program and DEC is just over 31,000. This number is down from prior years.
2. Triploid Grass Carp program has started.
3. Work has continued on the NYS OPRHP Snowmobile Grant. There have been numerous issues this year with the timesheets.
4. Dulanski has also been working on the No-Till Grain Drill forms with Howard.

**VI. Old and New Business**

**A. No-Till Grain Drill**

- 1. The Board reviewed the No-Till Grain Drill packets. The packets included copies of the proposed Usage Agreement, Training Form and Data Usage Collection Sheets. Howard requested that the Board review the information and contact her with any changes.
- 2. 23 Landowners have contacted the District and expressed interest in using the No-Till.
- 3. Howard informed the Board that the last Cooperative Extension newsletter published a Custom Rate Guide. The No-Till rate was listed on the guide as \$37/ac including a tractor for \$20/ac, so the District’s \$18/ac is right in line with this guide.

**B. Memorandum of Understanding -** The Board reviewed the MOU’s between St. Lawrence and Franklin County for the No-Till Grain Drill and Hydroseeder. Motion to authorize Andrews to sign the MOU’s **approved.**

**C. Insurance –** Received the complete new policy.

**D. Round 16 Grant –** Proposal has been submitted.

**E. Day at the Farm** has been cancelled for this year.

*Morrill arrived at 8:38 PM*

**F. The Board reviewed the SWCC Treasurer’s Report.** Motion for Morrill to sign the Treasurer’s Report **approved.**

**G. Blue Ribbon Committee –** Morrill found out more information about the committee. The purpose of the committee is to support Agriculture and Agriculture incentives in NYS.

**VII. Correspondence:** Mail was available for the Board’s review. (List of items in Appendix B)

**VIII. Announcements:** The next RC&D meeting will be held May 11<sup>th</sup> at Mullin’s in Gouverneur at 10 AM, Howard stated that the Board is invited and to let her know if you are interested in attending.

**IX. Time and Date of Next Meeting:** May 20, 2010, 7:30 PM at the SWCD Office.

**X. Meeting Adjourned:** 8:50 PM

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Robert Andrews, Jr., Chairperson

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Raeanne Dulanski, Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer

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Date

Attachments: Appendices A-B