

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting August 13,2024

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair
Christian Yunker, Vice Chair
R.Stein, Legislature Chair
M.Ethington, Member at Large
J.Kingston, Farm Bureau Rep.
V. DiGiacomo, NYSSWCC

Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager
Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer
Tim Welch, Conservation Technician
Joan Hodges, Conservation Technician
Rebecca Olsen, Conservation Technician

I. Call to Order

8:00am D.Phelps called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to accept minutes from the
June 11,2024 meeting by R.Stein 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

III. Open Projects and Staff Reports

Open Projects and Staff reports (Appendix A,B,C,D,E,F)

J.Elliott presented option projects asking for a FLOWPA 32 budget modification to move funds from staff time and travel and training to Contractual . A motion was made to approve the budget modification in the amount of \$9,720.00 by C.Yunker,2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

Board Members asked J.Elliott to send a certified letter to Mr.Pontillo in regards payment of the tree invoice and to see how many trees have been planted and where the project stands and to get an end date. If the project is not moving forward then the District should get the tree tubes back.

Staff reports attached.

V.DiGiacomo and M.Ethington entered meeting at 8:15am.

A. Bank Statements Approval

A motion was made to approve bank statements for July 2024
by R.Stein, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

B. Treasurer's Reports (Appendix G)

A motion was made to approve Treasurer Reports as presented
by R.Stein, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

C. Abstract Approval (Appendix H)

A motion was made to approve Abstract #7 as presented by R.Stein, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

V. Unfinished Business

A. Nothing at this time.

VI. New Business

A. District Law Training-

Unable to do at this time.

B. Raised Garden Bed

A motion to approve making and installing raised garden beds at St.Joe's School as presented by J.Elliott using Part C funding was made by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

C. Water Quality Monitoring Program Funding Allocation

A motion to approve using FLOWPA 32 for WQMP funding of \$10,516 that is due now and use FLOWPA 33/34 for 2025 payments was made by C.Yunker, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

D. Project Proposal

A motion was made to approve \$50,000 in grants funds using FLOWPA 32,33 For Val and Dave Patten grazing system by C.Yunker, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

E. Approval for Con Skills Training

A motion was made to approve staff to attend 2024 Conservation Skills Training By R.Stein 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

F. Truck Equipment Purchase – Cap for 2024F150

A motion to approve purchase of a truck cap up to \$1,500.00 was made by J.Kingston, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

G. Surplus 2018 F150

A motion was made to approve taking the 2018 Ford F150 to RTI auction with minimum purchase at \$25,000 was made by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

H. Truck Purchase for 2025

J.Elliott reviewed thoughts on purchasing a new truck for 2025. The board of directors decided to add this to the new budget even if it was decided not to pursue this direction in the new year but to be sure it was there in case a vehicle was decided to be purchased.

I. Upcoming events(Appendix I)

Events presented to the board- 2024 NYACD Annual Meeting, 2024 FLOWPA Watershed project tour.

VII. Reports

A. NYSSWCC: V.DiGiacomo – report attached(Appendix J)

B. NRCS-H.Eisele- unable to attend

C. FISH & WILDLIFE- C.Yunker – C.Yunker reviewed information.

D. COUNTY LEGISLATURE: - R.Stein,C.Yunker

R.Stein reported it was budget time and 90% of the County budget is state mandated. R. Stein shared some of the groups the County supports with the remaining funds. She noted a responsive, conservative government is what the Legislature strives to provide as that is what the people want.

E. Chair: D.Phelps

D.Phelps thanked everyone.

VIII.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday September 10 ,2024

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:10am

by R.Stein 2nd by J.Kingston **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the September 10th meeting.

Chair: _____ Approved _____

Attachments: Appendices A-J