

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting June 09,2026

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair

Christian Yunker, Vice Chair

James Kingston, Farm Bureau Rep

Brooks Hawley, Legislature

Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager

Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer

Sofia Oltramari, Conservation District Technician

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by C.Yunker, 2nd B.Hawley **Approved**.

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to approve minutes from the
April 14,2026 meeting by J.Kingston, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved**.

IV. Open Projects & Staff Reports (Appendix A,B,C,D)

A. J.Elliott reviewed open projects.

V. Financial Reports

A. Bank Statements Approval

A motion was made to approve bank statements for May 2026
by C.Yunker, 2nd B.Hawley **Approved**.

B. Treasurer's Reports (Appendix E)

A motion to approve the treasurer's reports as presented by
B.Hawley, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved**.

C. Abstract Approval (Appendix F)

A motion was made to approve abstract #6.
by C.Yunker, 2nd B.Hawley **Approved**.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Health Insurance Laura

Board of Directors and J.Elliott went into Executive Session to discuss.

VII. New Business

A. Grass Carp Program

J.Elliott presented to the board information on the past program and a discussion followed to determine if the district should sell grass carp. The board member's agreed cost must be covered in order to sell the grass carp, and it was determined to offer customers to purchase from neighboring Counties and assist if needed there.

B. Approved EPF Budget

J.Elliott reviewed the EPF approved budget with directors.

C. Preliminary 2027 Budget Forecast

J.Elliott reviewed the preliminary budget and a discussion followed on staffing.

VII. Reports

A. NYSSWCC: V.DiGiacomo – V.DiGiacomo unable to attend. Report attached. (Appendix G)

B. NRCS: H.Eisele- H.Eisele was unable to attend.

C. COUNTY LEGISLATURE: C. Yunker, B.Hawley

C. Yunker shared the following updates: The water projects continue and phase 2 should be completed this summer. Sales tax revenue has been good. Sheriff, Police and Department of Corrections are still looking for people. The highway department is very busy.

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel items at 8:45am by B.Hawley, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

A motion was made to come out of executive session at 8:58am by C.Yunker, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday July 14, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am

by B.Hawley, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the July 14, 2026 meeting.

Chair: _____ Approved _____

Attachments: Appendix A-G