

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting November 05 ,2024

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair	Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager
Christian Yunker, Vice Chair	Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer
James Kingston, Farm Bureau Rep	Tim Welch, Conservation Techn
Rochelle Stein ,Legislature	Rebecca Olsen, Conservation Technician
Marirose Ethington, At-Large	Victor DiGiacomo, NYSAEA

I. Call to Order

8:30am D.Phelps called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to accept minutes from the
October 08,2024 meeting by C.Yunker2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

III. Open Projects and Staff Reports

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

J.Elliott reviewed open projects. R.Stein said to write off the invoice for the Pontillo project to get projects up to date by the end of the year.

T.Welch discussed a project that he was providing technical assistance on for HyHope Farms. J.Kingston suggested and the board members agreed that a letter should be written saying where the district stands, indemnifying the district and have all parties involved sign the letter.

Staff reports attached.

A. Bank Statements Approval

A motion was made to approve bank statements for October 2024
by R.Stein, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

B. Treasurer's Reports (Appendix F)

A motion was made to approve Treasurer's Report as presented
by R.Stein 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

C. Abstract Approval (Appendix G)

A motion was made to approve abstract 11 as presented by C.Yunker, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.** R Stein said to contact the County Attorney to take care of the Pontillo project to move forward.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Nothing currently.

VI. New Business

A. Payment for NYS Retirement

R.Stein made a motion to provide prepayment of the current NYS Retirement liability in the full amount due as soon as the invoice is received and reviewed by J.Elliott and L.Bestehorn 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

B. Project Proposal- Godfrey's Pond Septic System

J.Elliott reviewed the proposed Godfrey's Pond project. R.Stein asked if this project affects Bigelow Creek and J.Elliott said it would help with the impairment of the creek. A motion was made to pay 75% up to \$17,500.00 using Part C funds to help with the replacement of the septic system by Stein, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

R.Stein left the meeting at 9:01am.

C. Resolution 18-2024 (Appendix H)

A motion was made to approve Resolution 18-2024 authorizing GCSWCD to submit a change of landowner for contract C701461 to the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee for contract C701461 by J.Kingston, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

D. Resolution 19-2024 (Appendix I)

A motion was made to approve Resolution 19-2024 authorizing GCSWCD to submit a time extension request to the NYSSWCC for Contract C701461 by C.Yunker , 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

R.Stein reentered meeting at 9:06am.

E. Summary of completed projects for municipalities (Appendix J)

J.Elliott provided a summary of completed projects for municipalities as requested by the board. M.Ethington asked if dates could be added to the sheet.

F. Recently completed projects

J.Elliott shared recently completed projects with the board of directors.

VII. Reports

A. NYSSWCC: V.DiGiacomo - Report attached. (Appendix K)

B. NRCS: H.Eisele- Unable to attend

C. FISH & WILDLIFE- C. Yunker – A discussion of the large quantity of deer and the affect on farm crops was had.

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

R.Stein talked about shared services and that it works very well in the County. The County is starting to work on a 2050 comprehensive plan. She noted focus groups may need others help and please assist if possible. C.Yunker added the sales tax revenue is down from last year and an EV Level 3 charging system are installed downtown.

E. CHAIR: D.Phelps- D.Phelps thanked all for everything they are doing.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday December 10, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:29am

by M.Ethington 2nd by J.Kingston **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the December 10th,2024 meeting.

Chair: _____ Approved _____

Attachments: Appendices A-K