

# Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 13, 2018 - USDA Service Center, 2530 St. Rt. 40, Greenwich, NY

## Attending:

John Rieger, Chairman

John Dickinson, Vice Chairman

Kate Ziehm, Director

Jay Skellie, Director

Sara Idleman, Director

Corrina Aldrich, District Manager

Lori Sheehan, Office Manager

Robert Kalbfliesh, District Technician

Ben Luskin, District Technician

Scott Fitscher, USDA-NRCS

Patti Pearson, USDA-FSA

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Call to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairman Rieger.

Minutes: **Motion** by Skellie/Idleman to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **Unanimously carried.**

Treasurer's Report: After the Treasurer's review and approval of the finances (treasurer's report, bills & grant payments, bank reconciliations – all accounts), **Motion** by Ziehm/Idleman to approve the Treasurer's Report for March and to pay bills and grant payments as presented. **Unanimously carried.** (Attachment 1)

## Agency & Staff Reports:

FSA: Attachment 2 – Margin Protection Program for Dairy update – submitted by Pearson

CCE: No report

District Manager: Attachment 3 – submitted by Aldrich

District Technician: Attachment 4 – submitted by Kalbfliesh

District Technician: Attachment 5 – submitted by Luskin

## District Conservationist:

- Fitscher reviewed NRCS's Civil Rights Policy and responsibilities with the Board using the PowerPoint training. He provided the Board with a copy of NRCS's "Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist, February 2017." The Board members signed the "Affirmation of Review" form.
- Busy finalizing EQIP funding contracts and plans; 13 applications for Washington County; 7 contracts have been approved to date. Washington County has 10 of 19 contracts in the 2018 funding year within the Hudson-Mohawk Team (6 counties).

NYS-SWCC Report: No Report

**Motion** by Dickinson/Idleman to approve NRCS Conservation Plans for Hand Melon Farm, LLC (Greenwich) and Merrillyn Pulver (Fort Edward). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Ziehm/Dickinson to approve the cancellation of Cooperator Agreement for Walter Fogg (Fort Ann). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Skellie/Idleman to approve paying the \$500 registration fee for Greenwich Central School to attend the State Envirothon in May. **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Idleman/Skellie to approve closing Round 17 Grant Checking Account and to transfer General Operating Funds (\$737.90) to reimburse account and return remaining funds to NYS Ag & Markets (\$17,137.90). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Ziehm/Dickinson to update the No-Till Seeder Lease Agreement & Policy to charge the landowner \$50.00 per hour for technical assistance and delivery/pick-up of the drill. **Unanimously carried.**

The next Board meeting will be held on May 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Greenwich.

**Motion** by Skellie/Idleman to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. **Unanimously carried.**

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Lori Sheehan, Secretary

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Director

Reports Attached: Treasurer, FSA, District Manager, District Technicians