

Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes of Regular Meeting December 8, 2017 - USDA Service Center, 2530 St. Rt. 40, Greenwich, NY

Attending:

John Rieger, Chairman
John Dickinson, Vice Chairman
Sara Idleman, Director
Kate Ziehm, Director

Corrina Aldrich, District Manager
Bob Kalbfliesh, District Technician
Ben Luskin, District Technician
Lori Sheehan, Office Manager
Aaron Gabriel, CCE

Call to order at 10:10 a.m. by Director Rieger.

Minutes: **Motion** by Idleman/Ziehm 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/Dickinson to approve the Treasurer's Report for November and to pay bills and grant payments as presented. **Unanimously carried.** (Attachment 1)

Agency & Staff Reports:

FSA: November GovDelivery Bulletin – submitted by Holck

CCE: Reported by Gabriel – upcoming meetings and workshops:

- Farm Bill discussion meeting at the Fairgrounds on December 18th.
- Farmer discussion group meetings on "Estimating Machinery Costs for Better Decision-Making and Insect Basics."
- Holding QuickBooks training sessions for farmers at the Fairgrounds.
- Winter Green-Up Grazing Conference at the Century House in Latham on January 27th.
- Panel discussion meeting at the Greenwich Elks Lodge on January 31st – "Managing Dairy Manure Systems: Sharing Experience of Farmers and Engineers."

District Manager: Attachment 2 – reviewed by Aldrich

District Technician: Attachment 3 – reviewed by Kalbfliesh

District Technician: Attachment 4 – reviewed by Luskin

District Conservationist: No report

NYS-SWCC: Attachment 5 – submitted by Steinmuller

Motion by Idleman/Dickinson to approve Cooperator Agreement for Patricia Meadow. **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Dickinson/Ziehm to approve disbursement of Part C project funds for Lincoln Hill's Milk House Waste Project to the following:

- Mattson Concrete (\$600.00)
- Viking Fabrication (\$100.00)
- Korb Land Improvement (\$8,600.00)
- Daniel Petteys, Electrician (\$3,500.00)
- Fort Miller Company (\$8,295.00)

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Dickinson/Idleman to authorize AgNPS Grant payments for the following:

- Round 21: Tiashoke Farm Cover Crop Payment Year 2 (\$13,735.00); Engineering Payment (\$6,205.78)
- Round 22: Woody Hill Farm Cover Crop Payment Year 1 (\$8,347.50)
- Round 22: Kenyon Hill Farm Engineering Payment (\$1,200.00); Silage Leachate Control & Treatment System (\$50,400.00)

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Ziehm/Idleman for staff to attend Winter Green-up Grazing Conference and Managing Dairy Manure System Workshop. **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Dickinson/Idleman to go into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for performance reviews of particular persons. **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Ziehm/Dickinson to go out of Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. **Unanimously Carried.**

Motion by Ziehm/Idleman to approve performance reviews for the staff. **Unanimously Carried.**

The next Board meeting will be held on January 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Greenwich.

Motion by Idleman/Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. **Unanimously carried.**

Lori Sheehan, Secretary

Director

Reports Attached: *Treasurer, District Manager, District Technicians, SWCC*