

Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 27, 2018 - USDA Service Center, 2530 St. Rt. 40, Greenwich, NY

Attending:

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

Corrina Aldrich, District Manager
Lori Sheehan, Office Manager
Robert Kalbfliesh, District Technician
Ben Luskin, District Technician
Dave Holck, USDA-FSA

Call to order at 8:07 a.m. by Chairman Rieger.

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

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

Agency & Staff Reports:

FSA: Reported by Holck:

- Distributed the July 2018 GovDelivery Bulletin.
- Discussed the imposing Tariffs and the effects on farmers and producers and the implementation of up to \$12 billion in programs to be administered by FSA. The new programs will require farmers/producers to keep very accurate records.
- It is extremely important for farmers/producers to be conservation complaint – always verify with FSA and NRCS before starting any projects to determine that the location is not a wetland. If they are not compliant they cannot participate in any programs, including guaranteed loans. Also, Farm Credit is asking more and more for loans to be guaranteed by FSA.

CCE: No report

District Manager: Attachment 2 – reviewed by Aldrich

District Technician: Attachment 3 – reviewed by Kalbfliesh

District Technician: Attachment 4 – reviewed by Luskin

NRCS Conservation Program Manager: No Report

NYS-SWCC Report: No Report

Motion by Dickinson/Idleman to cancel Cooperator Agreement for Walter Piekarz (Cambridge). **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Idleman/Dickinson to approve Greater Adirondack RC&D NRCS-RCPP Technical Assistance Reimbursement to Walker Farms, LLC (\$9,000). **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Idleman/Dickinson to approve disbursement of Part C Funds in the amount of \$3,250 to Friends of the IBA for the Restoring & Protecting Grassland Bird Habitat Project. **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Dickinson/Idleman to approve disbursement of WQCC Funds in the amount of \$500.85 for water testing kit and hip waders. **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Idleman/Dickinson to approve the AEM Tier 3A Plan for Hicks Orchard. **Unanimously carried.**

The Board reviewed the tentative 2019 budget.

The next Board meeting will be held on **September 14, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.** in Greenwich.

Motion by Dickinson/Idleman to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. **Unanimously carried.**

Lori Sheehan, Secretary

Director

Reports Attached: Treasurer, District Manager, District Technicians