

Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 8, 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

Dave Holck, USDA-FSA

Call to order at 8:04 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 May and to pay bills and grant payments as presented. **Unanimously carried.** (Attachment 1)

Agency & Staff Reports:

FSA: Holck distributed and reviewed the May 2018 GovDelivery Bulletin.

- MPP Dairy Program signup deadline has been extended to June 8, 2018.
- ARC-PLC deadline is August 1, 2018.
- Acreage reporting deadline is July 16, 2018 to report corn, soybeans, and other spring planted crops; producers are charged late reporting fees if they miss the deadline.

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: Reported by Fitscher

- Bill Keating working on projects in Montgomery and Saratoga counties.
- Werner Schwab: Forestry practices completed. Contract completed.
- David Sprague (Warren County): High tunnel contract is complete.
- Kenyon Hill Farm: Larry Eckhardt (farm planner) needs to update farm's CNMP Plan in order for the farm to be eligible for EQIP; there is a farm meeting planned for July.
- Hand Melon Farm: Jeff Wilson (engineer) is working on a design for a Ag Chemical Handling Facility.
- Heritage Hill Farm: I sent in the plan/contract (large contract) for the farm on June 7th; NRCS review process should take about 3 weeks.

NYS-SWCC Report: Attachment 5 – submitted by Brian Steinmuller

Motion by Dickinson/Idleman to approve NRCS Conservation Plan for Merrilyn Pulver (Fort Edward). **Unanimously carried.**

Motion by Ziehm/Dickinson to approve the Round 20 final closeout payment to Washington County SWCD for Personal Services Earned (\$7,200) and to close the dedicated checking account. **Unanimously carried.**

The next Board meeting will be held on **July 27, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.** in Greenwich.

Motion by Skellie/Idleman to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. **Unanimously carried.**

Lori Sheehan, Secretary

Director

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