

## Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 23, 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, Technician

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Call to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman 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/Idleman to approve the Treasurer's Report for February and to pay bills and grant payments as presented. **Unanimously carried.** (Attachment 1)

### Agency & Staff Reports:

FSA: Attachment 2 – submitted by Holck

CCE: Attachment 3 – submitted by Gabriel

District Manager: Attachment 4 – reviewed by Aldrich

District Technician: Attachment 5 – reviewed by Kalbfliesh

District Technician: Attachment 6 – submitted by Luskin

District Conservationist: No Report

NYS-SWCC Report: No Report

**Motion** by Skellie/Ziehm to approve NRCS Conservation Plan for Michael Palulis (Salem). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Dickinson/Ziehm to approve closing the dedicated checking account for AgNPS Round 19: Southern Champlain Basin FSC grant. **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Ziehm/Idleman to approve opening interest bearing checking accounts for the following Round 1 CAFO Waste Storage funding grants: Fullerton Dairy, LLC; Battenkill Dairy Farms, LLC; Deep Roots Holsteins; Kenyon Hill Farm, LLC. **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Dickinson/Skellie to approve opening an interest bearing checking account for NYS Ag & Markets Part C funding. **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Dickinson/Idleman to establish a Dedicated Equipment Fund in the amount of \$28,000 and a Personnel Expense fund in the amount of \$30,000. No expenditures shall be made from these dedicated accounts without approval of the Board of Directors. **Unanimously carried.**

The staff presented to the Board the following Part C Project ideas: Friends of Washington County IBA – Protecting & Restoring Habitat Project, Sediment Basins for Stormwater & Erosion Control Program, Hydro-seeding Materials for Towns, Salt Brine Equipment & Pavement Sensors for DPWs and Towns. The Board approved project ideas; the staff will keep them informed as projects progress.

**RESOLUTION**

**Motion by Jay Skellie, seconded by Sara Idleman. Unanimously Carried.**

*Authorizing participation by the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District in the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program created pursuant to section 11-b of the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law.*

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee has issued a Request for Proposals inviting Soil and Water Conservation Districts or groups of Districts to submit proposals for funding under the Round 2 - CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer System Program; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) for the implementation of water quality protection projects that will establish manure storage capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District has determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, (the "Project") is in the public interest and consists of activities that will reduce and/or reduce/prevent the nonpoint source contribution from agricultural activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District Board

1) That Corrina Aldrich, District Manager, or such person's successor in office, is the representative to act on behalf of the District's governing body in all matters related to State Assistance under the Round 2 - CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer System Program. The representative is authorized to make application, execute the contract for State Assistance, submit project documentation, and otherwise act for the District governing body in all matters related to the Project;

2) That the District agrees to fund its portion of the cost of the Project as provided in the application;

3) That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and attached to the application for funding under the Round 2 - CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer System Program;

4) That this resolution take effect immediately.

The next Board meeting will be held on April 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Greenwich.

**Motion** by Skellie/Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. **Unanimously carried.**

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*Lori Sheehan, Secretary*

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*Director*

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