

## Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 3, 2017 - USDA Service Center, 2530 St. Rt. 40, Greenwich, NY

### Attending:

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

Corrina Aldrich, District Manager  
Bob Kalbfliesh, District Technician  
Ben Luskin, District Technician  
Lori Sheehan, Office Manager  
Scott Fitscher, USDA-NRCS  
Aaron Gabriel, CCE

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Call to order at 10:05 a.m. by Director 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 October and to pay bills and grant payments as presented. **Unanimously carried.** (Attachment 1)

### Agency & Staff Reports:

FSA: October GovDelivery Bulletin – submitted by Holck

CCE: Reported by Gabriel

- Busy organizing winter farm meetings.
- Through the month of December will be holding Farmer Discussion Group Meetings in Albany, Washington, Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene counties. The topic of the meetings will be "Estimating Machinery Costs for Better Decision-Making and Insect Basics."
- Working on setting up Farmer Forums for 2018.

District Manager: Attachment 2 – reviewed by Aldrich

District Technician: Attachment 3 – reviewed by Kalbfliesh

District Technician: Attachment 4 – reviewed by Luskin

District Conservationist: Reported by Fitscher

- Several payments made the last 4 weeks for various contracts, i.e., high tunnels, grazing plans.
- In the process of reviewing CNMP for Heritage Hill.
- Working on a horse farm drainage system in Warren County.
- Warren-Washington Association of Mental Health in Glens Falls would like to install a high tunnel. Working with Olga Vargas on a heavy metal test.

NYS-SWCC: No Report

**Motion** by Idleman/Dickinson to approve NYS Floodplain & Stormwater Managers membership renewal (\$50). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Dickinson/Idleman to approve disbursement of Part C project funds for Pump for Lenny Austin's Milk House Waste Project (\$5,800). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Skellie/Idleman to authorize Round 19 BMP payment to David Swezey (\$1,834.78). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Skellie/Idleman to authorize Round 20 Cover Crop payments to: Walker Farms, LLC (\$7,315.00); Toolite Farms, LLC (\$3,904.50); Quarrydell Farm (\$2,030.34); Red Top Farm (\$3,514.50). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Dickinson/Idleman to authorize Round 21 BMP payment to Tiashoke Farms, LLC (\$246,510.00). **Unanimously carried.**

**Motion** by Idleman/Dickinson to write a letter of support for the Battenkill Conservancy's 2017 application for a NYS DEC Conservation Partnership Program Grant. **Unanimously Carried.**

The next Board meeting will be held on December 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Greenwich.

**Motion** by Skellie/Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. **Unanimously carried.**

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*Lori Sheehan, Secretary*

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*Director*

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