

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – Tompkins County SWCD
March 14, 2016
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: David McKenna, Dan Carey, Alan Teeter, Aaron Ristow, Jim Dennis
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson, Paul Gier
Agencies: Justin Olsen, NRCS, Jennifer Doty & Erin Madden, FSA, Scott Fickbohm, NYS SWCC
Guests: Barry Goodrich

Dan Carey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35pm. A quorum was present.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Alan Teeter moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dave McKenna seconded. No discussion. Carried.

Reports of Other Agencies:

Justin Olsen, NRCS read their written report and it is attached. Justin noted their office would be relocating. They are currently looking for a suitable space. The move could happen as soon as the late summer.

J. Dennis arrived at 3:41pm.

Erin Madden, FSA reviewed the Bridges to Opportunity Program. It is a database of contacts and resources to assist FSA in matching farmers to applicable programs and funding opportunities. All of the database updating is done at the local FSA office. However, if the TCSWCD wishes to administer their information themselves, they can apply for "Level 2" status to do so. J. Dennis moved to participate in the program. A. Teeter seconded. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Jennifer Doty, FSA gave an update on the CRP Conservation Plan reenrollments. TCSWD will need to sign off on two of the farms reenrolling.

Financial Report:

A. Teeter moved to approve the financial reports for the month of February. A. Ristow seconded. A vote was taken and the financial reports were approved. Motion Carried.

D. Carey moved to approve the March, 2016 Vouchers. D. McKenna seconded. A vote was taken and the vouchers listed in the Board Packet were approved. Motion Carried.

Staff/Project Reports:

Paul Gier and Angel Hinickle provided written reports and they are attached. In addition, Paul Gier provided an update on the STAIEP Grant. The application deadline closed on March 7th. Paul handed out a summary of the ten (10) applicants/projects TCSWCD submitted to NYS. The steps to coordinate the projects are similar to those outlined in the AgNPS program. Paul departed the meeting.

Jon reviewed the written NYS SWCC report. He also noted the NYSDEC is in the process of developing a TMDL model and sorting out the data. TCSWCD may be called on in the future to supply additional data.

Scott Fickbohm arrived at 4:24pm.

Old Business

- Resolution #2016-10 – Adoption of Fiscal Policies for the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District. J. Dennis made the motion to approve, A. Teeter seconded. Amendments to page 18 account values were never established at the January 11, 2016 meeting. Minimum balances have been established. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-10 was accepted. Motion carried.
- Resolution #2015-13 (AMENDED) – 1 year contract extension for NYSDEC grant to conduct work on Enfield Creek. The current contract ends June, 2016. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-10 (AMENDED) was accepted. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Resolution #2016-19 – Entering into Contract #DEC01-C00075GG-3350000 with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). D. Carey made the motion to approve, A. Ristow seconded. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-19 was accepted. Motion carried.
- Resolution #2016-20 – Entering into sub-agreement with CCE for Stormwater Mapping Work. D. Carey made the motion to approve, D. McKenna seconded. Interns will be provided by TCCCE and Cornell University. The GPS system will be purchased through the grant. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-20 was accepted. Motion carried.
- Resolution #2016-21 – MOU with County ITS for internet based mapping services. J. Dennis made the motion to approve, A. Ristow seconded. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-21 was accepted. Motion carried
- Training Presentation. Scott Fickbohm from NYS SWCC presented a Power Point presentation titled 'Director Roles and Responsibility Training Module'.

Announcements/Meetings:

The Tire Collection Event is tentatively scheduled for April 23rd at the Lansing Town Barns.

D. Carey moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:01pm. Seconded by A. Ristow. Carried.

Next meeting date: April 11, 2016, at 3:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, Secretary

Dan Carey, Chair