

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – Tompkins County SWCD
May 9, 2016
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: David McKenna, Alan Teeter, Aaron Ristow, Jim Dennis
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson
Agencies: Amber Paice, NYACD
Guests: Barry Goodrich

Alan Teeter, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:36pm. A quorum was present.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

J. Dennis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dave McKenna seconded. No discussion. Carried.

Amber Paice, NYACD arrived at 3:37pm.

Reports of Other Agencies:

Amber Paice, Executive Director, NYACD introduced herself and provided her background and the recent work of the NYACD. NYS SWCC provided a written report.

Financial Report:

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

D. McKenna moved to approve the May, 2016 Vouchers. A. Ristow 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, Angel Hinickle provided an update on the Hydrilla project, WQIP-Trumbulls, NYSDEC Stormwater Mapping (GPS equipment needs to be purchased soon) & the Pickney Road Flood Hazard Mitigation programs. Angel departed the meeting.

Barry Goodrich departed the meeting at 4:17pm.

Amber Paice advised the Board that 67% of the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Districts have paid their memberships for 2016 in response to an earlier question from Jon.

Old Business

- Hiring of Hydroseeding employee – Due to weight limits, a CDL license may be required to operate the TCSWCD truck and equipment. In light of this, a Shared Service Agreement with the municipalities will be used and a seasonal employee will be hired to instead assist with the contracted hydroseeding, and other miscellaneous assignments, as needed. Jon will also explore other vehicle options for the future, such as a ¾ ton vehicle.
- The District created a ranking form for FLOWPA projects to help screen projects and ensure funds are spent on available projects in the order of severity and to fund those projects which need the assistance the most. The form is attached. An application form will be developed in the upcoming weeks. D. McKenna made the motion

to accept the form, A. Ristow seconded. A vote was taken and the adoption of the Tompkins County FLOWPA Streambank Project Screening Tool will be used for round 5-6. Upon completion of round 5-6 the form's effectiveness will be evaluated again.

New Business:

- Resolution #2016-23 – Authorizing the Board Chair to sign an agreement on behalf of the District, which authorizes the District Manager to directly contract with the Superintendent, District Managers or persons holding similar public office in other municipalities, and/or Districts who possess similar authorization for the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies and the exchanging, leasing, renting of machinery and equipment, including the operations thereof, for the purpose of aiding the District Manager in the performance of his/her duties. J. Dennis made the motion to approve, A. Ristow seconded. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-23 was accepted. Motion carried.
- Resolution #2016-24 – Entering into a Contract with Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists (located in Ithaca, NY) for 2016 Hydrilla/Plant Community and Hydrilla Tuber Monitoring and Sampling, and Hydrilla Physical Removal/Benthic Barrier Installation in the Cayuga Lake Watershed (Tompkins County, NY). A. Ristow made the motion to approve, D. McKenna seconded. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-24 was accepted. Motion carried.
- Resolution #2016-25 – Entering into a Contract with Community Science Institute (located in Ithaca, NY) for 2016 Water Quality Sample Analysis in conjunction with ongoing herbicide treatments for the invasive Hydrilla (Hydrilla verticillata) plant in the Cayuga Lake Watershed (Tompkins County, NY). J. Dennis made the motion to approve, A. Ristow seconded. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-25 was accepted. Motion carried.
- Review Draft of Workplace Violence Prevention Training Program – was tabled until the next Board meeting. The Directors are invited to participate in any and all future trainings.

Announcements/Meetings:

Participation in two(2) upcoming meetings which qualify as Performance Measure Meetings for NYS funding were again encouraged. The response from all was positive.

A. Teeter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 4:54pm and to go into Executive Session. Seconded by J. Dennis. All were in favor of closing the meeting and going into Executive Session. Carried. Executive Session adjourned at 5:05pm. All in favor. Carried.

Next meeting date:

Special Meeting, May 23, 2016, at 12:30pm.

Regular Board Meeting, June 13, 2016 at 3:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, Secretary

Dan Carey, Chair