

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – Tompkins County SWCD

August 10, 2015

170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: David McKenna, Dan Carey, Aaron Ristow

Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson

Agencies: Justin Olsen, NRCS

Guests: Barry Goodrich, Colleen Stannard, Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickelson & Company, LLP.

Dan Carey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:38pm. A quorum was present.

There were no additions to the agenda.

David McKenna moved to approve the minutes as presented. Aaron Ristow seconded. No discussion. Carried.

Reports of Other Agencies:

Justin Olsen, NRCS read their written report and it is attached. An August, 2015 NYS SWCC Report was provided and is attached.

Financial Report & Vouchers:

D. Carey moved to approve the financial reports for the month of July. A. Ristow seconded. The Hydroseeding Grant balance was discussed as there are funds remaining on the 2012-2015 Contract. J. Negley will follow up with the NYS DEC to see if supplies may be purchased in advance of next season and stored until needed. J. Negley will also verify if the materials purchased would be covered by insurance during the storage period. Motion Carried.

August, 2015 Voucher numbers 1-82015 through 10-82015 were presented for approval. Voucher number 9-82015 will be voided as the TCSWCD contract is not with the SePRO Corporation, but with another entity. TCSWCD will be re-invoiced. D. Carey moved to approve vouchers presented, A. Ristow seconded. Carried.

Staff/Project Reports:

J. Negley, A. Hinickle, and E. Aarnio provided written reports of work they have been performing the past month. J. Negley gave a Hydrilla Project update. He reported that there has not been enough biomass growth on the Southeast corner of the Cayuga Inlet to warrant treatment to date. However, with the current weather conditions, there may be enough before the end of August when the permit to apply the treatment expires. Ideas for additional funding sources for the Hydrilla Project and the Hydrilla Program Manager's salary were discussed in light of Tompkins County's decreased revenue for the second quarter in 2015 and the effect it may have on the 2016 Budget and funding of the TCSWCD Appropriation and any OTR's submitted.

Old Business:

- District Audit. C. Stannard distributed copies of the 2014 TCSWCD Audit and provided an overview. TCSWD's financial position has shown great improvements over the prior years' audit. New reporting regulations will be in effect for 2015; however, it should not affect the current budget. It is a reporting procedure for how governments record retirement monies. D. Carey will sign off on the 2014 Audit and return a copy to CDLM & Company.

- Budget Discussion with County Administrator. TCSWCD submitted its 2016 Budget and an Over-Target Request (OTR) for 2016 to support the Hydrilla Manager Contract for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2016 as funding will run out. Due to a decrease in County 2015 revenue, the approval of the OTR is unlikely.
- Southern Tier Ag Economic Incentive Program (STAEIP). NYS is still working on the contract language and announcement of its finalization is expected in September. TCSWCD has received approximately 8 to 10 inquiries about the program from interested parties to date.
- Manure Storage Spill Response planning. J. Negley provided a draft of a Flow Chart for Response to Agricultural Spills in Tompkins County. This document outlines when and who to contact in the event of an agricultural spill. Feedback was requested and a final draft will be presented at a future Board Meeting.

New Business

- Beck Farm Contract Payment. RESOLUTION No. 2015-44 – Authorization to pay Beck Farms, LLC under contract #C700993. A. Ristow made the motion for consideration. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-44 was rejected. D. McKenna seconded. Motion carried.

D. Carey made the motion to go to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. A. Ristow seconded. Motion carried. Meeting suspended for Executive Session called to order at 2:07pm by D. Carey. D. Carey, D. McKenna, Aaron Ristow, and Jon Negley, present. D. Carey moved to adjourn at 2:24pm. D. McKenna seconded. Carried.

Aaron Ristow departed the meeting at 2:26pm. No quorum present. Discussions to follow:

- Manure Storage Spill Response planning. Should be changed to Agricultural Spill Response planning. Upon completion and finalization of the flow chart draft and other documents, education and outreach should be made to area responders. A map of surrounding counties and contacts in the Tompkins County watershed may be useful, as well. Further discussion to follow at future meetings.
- FLLOWPA Dues. FLLOWPA members will now be asked to pay a fee of \$100 annually to cover the costs associated with legislative outreach. This fee will be requested by January 1st of each year.
- Ag Plastics Baler Contract Renewal. TCSWCD is considering whether renewing the Baler Cooperation Agreement with Cornell University with their Recycling Agricultural Plastics Project is prudent in its current structure. The NYS DEC funds which supported the equipment purchase and contract has expired. Should TCSWCD consider cooperative agreements with other counties? There is housing/storage of the baler, trailer, and hydraulic power unit, storage of materials, maintenance of the equipment, operating time and availability to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49pm.

Next meeting date: September 14, 2015, at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, District Clerk

David McKenna, BOD Secretary/Treasurer