

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
February 11, 2019
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: Aaron Ristow, Alan Teeter, Deborah Dawson (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson, Paul Gier
Agencies: Pat Barry, NRCS, Erin Paczkowski, NRCS

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:11pm. A quorum was present.

There were no additions to the Agenda. D. Dawson moved to approve minutes of the January 2019 Organizational Board Meeting. Seconded by A. Teeter. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Agency Reports

J. Negley reviewed the NYS SWCC report and it is attached. Conservation easements were discussed. D. Dawson will follow up with the Assessment office regarding tax valuations and tax implications of holding an easement.

P. Barry and E. Paczkowski arrived at 1:20pm. P. Barry introduced E. Paczkowski who has been transferred from the Binghamton NRCS office on a part time basis to assist the Ithaca NRCS office. She is a Resource Conservationist and has been with NRCS for approximately 12 years. P. Barry reviewed the written report and it is attached. He also advised if there should be another government shut-down, their office will probably remain open, however, there will be no payments or modifications made to cooperators and their paperwork during that time.

J. Negley reviewed the NYACD letter and let the Board know registrations are still being accepted to participate in the Legislature Days in March.

Financial Report

D. Dawson moved to approve the financial reports as presented. A. Teeter seconded. No discussion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Carried.

February Vouchers

A Teeter moved to approve the February vouchers as presented. D. Dawson seconded. A. Teeter amended the vouchers to include NACD & NYACD Memberships and NYS Ag & Markets debt repayment in full. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

P. Gier, A. Hinickle and C. Love provided written staff reports to the Board and they are attached.

P. Gier reviewed current projects and advised there are a few farms interested in applying for AgNPS Round 25, and CAFO Round 3 funds.

P. Gier departed at 1:45pm.

Old Business

RESOLUTION 2019-16 – Entering into a Contract Agreements with the Town of Caroline, Danby, Newfield, and Ulysses for Stormwater Technical Services for year 2019. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. A. Teeter disclosed he was an employee of the Town of Newfield but has no authority or involvement with Town funding. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-18 – Shared Service Agreement for Equipment, Materials. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2019-19 – Approval of submission to NYS Ag and Markets the Annual Report of the Treasurer, State Aid (Part A, Part B, Part C), Annual Activity Report and Hourly Rates for Grants reports for 2018. A. Teeter made the

motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded. The Board would like to have a status report around August regarding where they stand with meeting Performance Measure requirements. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-20 – Entering into Contract with Oswego County SWCD for FLOWPA 18-19 Contract. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-21 – Entering into Contract with NYS Ag & Markets through the CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer System Program for implementation of a Waste Storage and Transfer System on Millbrook Farms, LLC, Dryden, NY. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-22 – Entering into a Service Agreement with the Tompkins County Stormwater Coalition. J. Negley advised the Town of Ithaca currently holds the finance portion of the Coalition Contract, however, this responsibility may be transferred to Tompkins County later in the year. An amendment would be prepared at such time. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

P. Barry and E. Paczkowski departed at 1:59pm.

Executive Session

A Teeter moved to go into Executive Session to discuss staff salaries at 2:00pm. D. Dawson seconded. Executive Session adjourned at 2:40pm. No decisions were made.

D. Dawson moved to adjourn at 2:41pm, Seconded by A. Teeter. Carried.

Next meeting date: March 11, 2019 at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman