

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
February 5, 2018
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: Dan Carey, Dave McKenna, Aaron Ristow, Alan Teeter, Deborah Dawson (Directors)
Staff: Kym Jackson, Jon Negley, Mike Hall, Angel Hinickle, Paul Gier
Agencies: Pat Barry
Guests: Barry Goodrich

A. Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting called to order at 3:04pm. A quorum was present.

D. Dawson was welcomed to the Board of Directors and introductions were made.

P. Barry arrived at 3:07pm.

There were no additions or changes to the Agenda. D. Carey moved to approve minutes of the January 2018 Organizational Board Meeting. Seconded by D. McKenna. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

P. Barry reviewed his written report.

J. Negley reviewed the NYS SWCC Report for February. He noted that regarding the State Certification Program, TCSWCD will probably miss this year's deadline to register. Currently, A. Hinickle and J. Negley are certified nationally. TCSWCD will hold off registering to see where the program is headed and whether it would be beneficial to hold a State certification.

Financial Report

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

February Vouchers

D. McKenna moved to approve the February vouchers as presented along with the computer purchases. A. Teeter seconded. The computer purchases are funded by an OTR which was approved by the County. Payment for the purchase of the computers and accessories may be made by credit card, a check, or a combination of both. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Carried.

Bank Account Signatory Update – D. McKenna made a motion to approve the addition of A. Ristow as the new Chairman of the Board and the deletion of D. Carey as the prior Chairman to have signatory authority for the TCSWCD's bank accounts. D. Dawson seconded. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

M. Hall and A. Hinickle each gave a PowerPoint presentation on project recaps for 2017, as well as project outlooks for 2018. M. Hall reviewed Hydroseeding, Hydrilla, Mulching, and Compost projects. A. Hinickle reviewed the Trumbulls Corners Road and Fish Road project. Chemung County SWCD was instrumental in the Fish Road project and contributed greatly at no cost to Tompkins County SWCD. The Board would like TCSWCD to send a formal "thank you" for their efforts.

P. Gier gave a STAIEP project review. He also notified the Board of the State's approval of the change to Gabriel Carpenter's project. They will begin the process of building a new dairy facility.

P. Barry, M. Hall, A. Hinickle, & P. Gier departed at 4:26pm.

Old Business

None.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2018-19 – 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 2017. D. Carey made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. The reports presented are approximately 95% complete. Final drafts will be presented for approval prior to the February 15th submission deadline. A Vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

Board of Directors' Training Plan Review – A training plan was distributed to each Board member for their reference and as a guide through the year. Progress will be reviewed in the fall.

Part B 2018 Project Discussion – Due to the low participation at the last two tire collection events, an alternate project is being considered. A formal proposal and RFP will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Announcements/Meetings

The next Board Meeting has been rescheduled due to the HAB Summit. The next meeting will be on March 12th at 3:00pm.

D. Dawson moved to adjourn at 4:55pm, Seconded by D. Carey. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman