

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
May 13, 2019
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

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

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. A quorum was present.

There were no additions or changes to the Agenda. D. McKenna moved to approve minutes of the March 2019 Regular Board Meeting and April Special Meeting. Seconded by D. Dawson. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Agency Reports

J. Negley reviewed the NYS SWCC report and it is attached. Jon reviewed changes to the AEM Program this year and going forward. Jon also encouraged the Board to attend the upcoming Manager's Meeting in Cortland.

J. Negley reviewed the NYACD letter.

Financial Report

D. Dawson moved to approve the financial reports for March and April as presented. D. McKenna seconded. K. Jackson advised the Annual Audit was performed by Insero & Co. CPAs, and reports should be available soon. J. Negley advised the Board the first 2020 Budget meeting is scheduled in June. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

May Vouchers

A Teeter moved to approve the May vouchers as presented including credit card payment for Soil and Water Conservation Society Membership. D. Dawson seconded. A. Ristow will be the representative assigned to the membership. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

P. Barry arrived at 3:50pm. He reviewed his written report and it is attached.

P. Barry and K. Jackson departed at 3:58pm.

Staff Reports

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

Cooperator Agreements

None

Old Business

RESOLUTION 2019-24 – Approval of no-cost time extension for FLOWPA FWS ANS FY16. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2019-30 – Authorizing participation in the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program, Round 25. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. P. Gier reported a farm is interested in manure storage funding who has a nutrient management plan. He is working on preparing a Cooperator Agreement for the June Board Meeting. D. Dawson made the motion to table the resolution until the June meeting. A. Teeter seconded. All in favor. Tabled.

RESOLUTION 2019-31 – Entering into contract agreement for Hydroseeding Materials. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. J. Negley presented the three bids received for the RFP that went out for the materials. Seedway, LLC will be awarded the contract based on the bid results. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Hydrilla Plant Monitoring RFP/Contract Discussion. Historically, TCSWCD has put out an RFP each year for Hydrilla Plant Monitoring. Each year, there has only been one bid. The Board was asked, considering this, if an RFP was necessary this year. The Board elected to again post an RFP for the monitoring contract.

The meeting time of 1:00pm for the next Board Meeting on June 10th was changed to 11am.

A Teeter recused himself and departed at 4:25pm.

Executive Session

D. Dawson moved to go into Executive Session to review employment applicants and position vacancies at 4:27pm.

D. McKenna seconded. Executive Session adjourned at 4:37pm.

D. Dawson moved to offer the Seasonal Worker Position to Patrick King at \$15.00 per hour. D. McKenna seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

D. Dawson moved to offer the Conservation Aide Position to Abigail Hogan at \$35,000 per year, with an increase to \$38,000 after six months and a satisfactory performance review. D. McKenna seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

A. Ristow moved to adjourn at 4:40pm, Seconded by D. Dawson . Carried.

Next meeting date: June 10, 2019 at 11:00am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman