

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
July 8, 2019
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: Aaron Ristow, Alan Teeter, Dave McKenna, Deborah Dawson (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson, Abby Hogan, Patrick King
Agencies: Pat Barry, NRCS

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:04am. A quorum was present.

RESOLUTION 2019-38 and RESOLUTION 2019-39 were added to the addenda and the ESRI voucher was removed.

D. Dawson moved to approve minutes of the June 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by D. McKenna. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Agency Reports

J. Negley reviewed the NYS SWCC report and it is attached.

Financial Report

D. McKenna moved to approve the financial reports for June as presented. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

A Teeter arrived at 11:14am.

July Vouchers

D. McKenna moved to approve the July vouchers as presented. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried. D. Dawson moved to approve payment for Waypoint Technology Technical Support Program Proposal. A. Ristow seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

P. Gier, and A. Hinickle provided written staff reports to the Board and they are attached. J. Negley introduced A. Hogan and P. King.

Cooperator Agreements

D. Dawson moved to approve the three Cooperator Agreements as presented. D. McKenna seconded. The Caroline Covered Barnyard will be funded by the Climate Resilient Farming Program, if approved. The Groton Gutters and Roof Water Management project will be funded by FLOWPA, and the Groton Manure Storage Structure will be funded AgNPS Round 25, if approved.

Old 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. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2019-32 – Hydrilla Plant Community Monitoring Contract Approval. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-33 – Entering into Contract with NYS Ag and Markets for AEM Base Funding Contract T012064. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. The contract has been prorated for 2019. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-34 – Approval and Adoption of DRAFT TCSWCD 2020 Operating, Program and Grant Budget. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. J. Negley reviewed the DRAFT Operating Budget.

Changes from 2019 include new software and computers, and a 2% salary increase. No discussion. All in favor. Carried. D. Dawson made the motion to approve OTR requests. D. McKenna seconded. The Board prioritized the needs of the District based on ideas presented by J. Negley and they are attached. For item #5, the Board would like to see a more detailed business model established with goals and where the funds would be allocated from. This item was tabled for a future discussion. The Board decided that item #1, Flood Resiliency and Climate Conservation Engineer, item #4, Agricultural Conservation Tech/Education Coordinator and item #2, Engineering Technician, should be requested from the County as a 3-year OTR as additional staff is necessary to carry out the current projects/funding. All in favor. Carried.

P. Barry arrived at 11:42 and reviewed his written report.

RESOLUTION 2019-35 – Entering into Contract with Upper Susquehanna Coalition/Tioga County SWCD under the NYSDEC Implementation of Cover Crops Project. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-36 – Authorization to apply for WQIP funding through CFA. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. J. Negley would like to apply for another hydroseeding grant which may also include a new truck, small seeder unit, and staff salary. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-37 – Entering into a one-year Contract with the Community Science Institute to monitor water quality for watersheds draining into the south end of Cayuga Lake. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded. The contract would be funded by FLOWPA. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-38 - Entering into Contract Agreement with NYSDEC for Stormwater mapping. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-39 – Entering into Contract Agreement with Sam Rose Farm for work under FLOWPA 16-17 Contract. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Fish and Wildlife Service ANS FY16 discussion. Currently, the District has three contracts open. Fiscal Year 2015, Fiscal Year 2016, and Fiscal Year 2017 Contract. Fiscal Year 2015 will be closed out this month and a time extension has been requested for Fiscal Year 2016 until June 30, 2020. The District is unable to utilize all of FY2016's fund in the extended contract period and will likely have to return some funds. Fiscal Year 2017 Contract has also been executed and funds will be used for next year's treatments. A Contract Modification will be sent to the Program Coordinator and a Contract Amendment Resolution will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Next meeting date: August 12, 2019 at 11:00am.

D. Dawson moved to adjourn at 12:24pm, Seconded by D. McKenna . Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman