

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
November 14th, 2022
170 Bostwick Rd Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: Aaron Ristow, Alan Teeter, Randy Brown (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Samantha Smith, Paul Gier, Devin Cox

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:34 am. A quorum was present.

No changes to agenda.

Wait to vote on meeting October Regular Meeting Minutes, A. Teeter was not present at this meeting. Will vote at next meeting.

Agency Reports

NYACD: J. Negely and S. Smith attended yearly meeting and training sessions, resolution passed to include NYACD in any district law changes that may occur.

SWCC: J. Negley reviewed report – District Managers meeting December 13th-14th, Part C Performance Measures, Funding Opportunities, Round 28 awarded – Tompkins to have one manure storage project.

FSA: Farm reporting, due dates, farms with cover crops, changes to do better against outside factors

Financial Report

A Ristow moved to approve the October Financial Report. A. Teeter seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Vouchers

A Ristow moved to approve November vouchers. A. Teeter. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

P. Gier/D. Cox – FLOWPA cover cropping and payments to farmers, AEM out to bid and start next spring, CRF 6 missed by one but will reapply, CAFO Cook will be requesting extension in December, AgNPS Sherman is at the stage where concrete is being poured, this is a 2-million-gallon storage, AgNPS Houston in closeout stage, AgNPS 28 Walnut Ridge storage will expand a 2 million gallon storage to a 9 million gallon storage. Attended grazing training, NY Soil Health workshop, met with new DEC representative, and attended USC meeting in Cortland.

Cooperator Agreements

Old Business

New Business

RESOLUTION 2022-28 – No Cost Time Extension for WQIP Round 15 Stormwater Mapping – A. Ristow motioned to approve. R. Brown seconded. One year time extension to finish out work and expenditures. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-29 – Entering into Contract with Tompkins County for 2023 Conservation Project Activities – A. Ristow motioned to approve. R. Brown seconded. 200k yearly loan with Tompkins County, waiting on official contract from Jessi. All in favor. Carried.

USC Letter – Letter of support from district. A. Ristow motioned to approve. A. Teeter seconded. USC provides extra funding for projects and the coalition provides a “program” and support system for district to rely on. All in favor. Carried.

Owasco Lake Watershed – Rules to regulate more strict regulations within watershed. Want regulations versus voluntary ruling.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm. Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 12th, 2022 at 11:30 am in person.

Respectfully Submitted:

Samantha Smith, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman