

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
February 14th, 2022
Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Aaron Ristow, Callan Space, Deborah Dawson, Alan Teeter (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Samantha Smith, Angel Hinickle, Paul Gier, Devin Cox, Hayden Stebbins
Agency: PJ Emerick, Jen Doty
Others: David McKenna

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. A quorum was present.

No changes to the agenda.

A Ristow moved to approve the Jan. 10th, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Agency Reports

Jen Doty – USDA – Overview of CRP signup, deadlines, announcements
NYS SWCC Report – Available Online

Financial Report

A Ristow moved to approve the January Financial Report. D. Dawson seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Vouchers

D. Dawson made a motion to remove donation off voucher list. A. Ristow seconded. All in favor. Carried.

D. Dawson moved to approve amended January vouchers. C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

Jon – Introduced H. Stebbins and D. Cox. Each gave introduction and background. Welcomed aboard.

Paul – Report online. Summarized – FLOWPA cover cropping farms, CRF planning, CAFO update and project work, AgNPS Carey to finish this summer, Houston prepping for construction, working on closeouts.

Angel – Summarized monthly tasks – scheduled trainings, Town of Danby bridge work.

Cooperator Agreements

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2022-15 – Entering into a Contract with Oswego County SWCD for FLOWPA 21-22 Contract – A. Ristow motioned to approve, C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-16 – Submission of Annual Reports – J. Negley reviewed each report and completion details. A. Ristow motioned to approve, A. Teeter seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Public Comments - NYSDEC 303(d) list, NYSDEC CAFO Permit Update, NYSDEC Stormwater Permit Updates – J. Negley and A. Hinckle reviewed reports and how they effected district. New bodies of water added to watch list, promoting better compliance and reporting, cleaner permits.

Solar Farms NY – Clean Energy Partner – J. Negley described Solar Farms interest in donations. Discussion took place and ended with decision to not partake. Conflict of interest due to farmland used for solar fields, farmers are main concern for district, want to maintain relationships. Will decline offer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm. Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 14th, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Samantha Smith, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman