

Minutes

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

Present: Aaron Ristow, Callan Space, Alan Teeter (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Samantha Smith, Hayden Stebbins
Agency: Erin Kurtz

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:07 am. A quorum was present.

Addition to agenda, Part C announcement to new business.

A Ristow moved to approve the Feb. 14th, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. A. Teeter seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Agency Reports

Erin Kurtz – NRCS – 2022 Equip Deadline was Nov 1st, 20 applications throughout Tompkins County. Interests include; forestry, farm waste management, high tunnels, pollinator projects. CSP deadline passed, one to be ranked and 3 up for renewal. Shared staffing levels and current staff individuals.

SWCC – J. Negley summarized report and highlighted open meeting law to be lifted March 16th, so moving forward meeting will need to be in person.

Financial Report

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

Vouchers

A. Ristow moved to approve amended February vouchers. C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

Paul – Report online.

Hayden – Report online. Working on MS4 mapping, compiling samples from 2015, hydroseeding – native species, along with meetings and trainings throughout the month.

Cooperator Agreements

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Part C – Awarded 122K to district to utilize for spending. Will discuss possible expenditures in April. Thanks everyone for helping reach this requirement.

RESOLUTION 2022-17 – Authorization to Apply for Climate Resiliency Farming Grant Round 6 – A. Ristow motioned to approve, C. Space seconded. Discussion – J. Negley explained that p. Gier and D. Cox will be visiting site and working to implement project irrigation ponds with grass waterways located on a sheep farm. Project will be cost shared. Deadline is end of March. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-18 – Entering into Contract Agreement for Hydroseeding Material – J. Negley presented H. Stebbins bids. Current bids are expiring after the three year term they served. Three bids were received, pricing was compared, not all bidders bid on same material. Seedway will be awarded the winning bid and we will enter into a contract with them. A. Ristow motioned to approve, A. Teeter seconded. All in favor. Carried. *AMEND Resolution to read “Enter into contract with Seedway”

Tompkins Trust Company – Third Party Custodian Agreement – A. Ristow motioned to approve, C. Space seconded. Discussion – Agreement is to show that the funds will be held in different place but will not have any affect. All in favor. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am. Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 11th, 2022 at 11:00 am. ***In Person.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Samantha Smith, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman