

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
April 11th, 2022
Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Aaron Ristow, Callan Space, Alan Teeter, Deborah Dawson, Randy Brown (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Samantha Smith, Hayden Stebbins
Agency: Patrick Emerick

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:08 am. A quorum was present.

Addition to agenda, executive session at end.

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

Agency Reports

SWCC – PJ reviewed report – Budget updates and approval coming soon, Sand County Foundation apply by May 1st, CRF interim report due May 1st, AEM Round 17 cost share deadline is May 1st, AgNPS Round 28 SharePoint, Performance Measure 2022 worksheet available.

NYACD – J. Negley reviewed NYACD and their monthly letter addressing budget, funding, etc.

Financial Report

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

Vouchers

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

Staff Reports

Hayden – Report online. Working on MS4 mapping, hydroseeding coordination, water quality symposium classes, USC & Owasco Lake coordination, site visits to determine how to use funds, stream/farm issue with cattle in waterway, Caroline ditching/downstream running water, trout stocking.

Devin – two grant applications, both to capture running water and develop ponds and irrigate crops, work with horse farm in Freeville for fencing needs to keep horses out of creek (6 mile).

Cooperator Agreements

None.

Old Business

RESOLUTION 2022-17 AMENDED – CRF Round 6 Application – A. Ristow moved to approve; D. Dawson seconded.

Discussion, addition of Aponte to project. Both surface water management. Irrigation to be used for veggies and watering. Both farms combines on one application. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-20 – Authorizing Participation in the AEM Base Program – A. Ristow moved to approve; D. Dawson seconded. Discussion, AEM 17 funding is 50k per farm. VanNoble project will be a nutrient storage with compost.

Ferguson project will be a grazing system, biomass plant, with road access. Amend resolution to apply for full 50k for EACH project. All in favor. Carried.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2022-19 – Authorizing Participation in 28th Round AgNPS Pollution Abatement and Control Program (NYS Ag and Markets) – A. Ristow moved to approve; D. Dawson seconded. AgNPS 28 rejected due to lack of CNP. Reached out to Jess Engineering, all set for construction next year. Building will match livestock needs. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-21 – Entering into Contract Agreement with Joe Lychalk for work under FLOWPA 19-20 Contract. Move to next meeting.

Approval of 2022 Community Project Sign on Letter - A. Ristow moved to approve; D. Dawson seconded. Discussion, Upper Susquehanna, 11 counties, to work on implementing total max daily loads. Letter is federal support of 100 acres of restoration, 2500 stream corridor restoration, 200 acres of stream protection. All in favor. Carried.

Entered executive session at 11:55 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm. Carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Samantha Smith, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman