

Saratoga County Soil & Water Conservation District
Cornell Room
Minutes of Regular Meeting 11/16/2022

In Attendance:

District Directors:

Janet Bartow – Grange
Victoria Garlanda – At Large
Jennifer Koval – At Large Farmer
Jay Matthews
Steven Ropitzky –Chairman

District Staff:

Dustin Lewis– District Manager
Scott Monica – District Technician
Dan Palmire – District Technician

Outside Agencies

Regrets: Kate Girard, Kevin Veitch – Legislator, Joe Grasso – Legislator

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM by Chairman Ropitzky.

1. **Minutes of October 2022 Meeting:** **Motion** to approve with corrections made by Mathews, seconded by Koval, all others approved.
2. **October 2022 Financial Reports:**
 - a. **Receipts/Disbursements Report, Budget vs Actual Report and Vouchers:** (***Attachment A, B & C***) **Motion** to approve made by Bartow, seconded by Mathews, carried unanimously.
3. **Field Report: (Attachment D)**
Discussion about district law meeting attended by Lewis
4. **Cooperating Agency Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS:** No report
 - b. **FSA:** No report
 - c. **RC&D:** No report.
 - d. **NYSSWCC:** No report
 - e. **NYACD:** No report.
 - f. **CCE:** No report.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Water Quality Coordinating Committee:** No meeting this month.
 - b. **Grants:** Lewis & Palmire reported on the following:
 - i. Agricultural Environmental Management –
2 fuel storage grant designs completed
And archaeological investigation needed for a NRCS co-funded project
 - ii. Septic –
Waiting a New York State for possible grant extension
1 project to be completed before end of the year
 - iii. Roadside Erosion –
Round 1 complete
Round 2 to start being of new year
 - iv. Resiliency Training –
Closeout paperwork to be completed
 - v. NYG&C Grant –
Working on paperwork to make interim payment

c. Part C Performance Measures 2022:

District law training needed for 2023

d. T&S 2023

working on brochure

discussion was had about setup for day of sale

6. New Business:

a. District Manager Review

Ropitzky and Bartow agreed to do review date and time to be determined

b. Clerk Position

discussion and approval of clerk position description was had

Motion to approve made by Bartow, seconded by Garlanda, carried unanimously.

7. Other Business:

Discussion about managers meeting in Syracuse room for one board member

Board members Ropitzky and Bartow terms are up. Both request to stay on board, letter will be sent to county state as such.

a. **Executive Discussion:** No executive session.

8. Correspondence: (Attachment F)

9. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st, 2022, at 3:00pm in the Cornell Room at 50 West High Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Meeting adjourned by Mathews at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Scott Monica, District Technician

Steve Ropitzky – Chairman

ATTACHMENT D:

October 2022 Field Report

- Hydro seed Town of Wilton
- Hydro seed Town of Hadley
- Hydro seed Town of Edinburg
- Hydro seed Town of Ballston
- Hydro seed Town of Charlton
- Ag assessment (Malta)
- Training Con-Skills (Cortland)
- AEM Micro-irrigation complete
- AEM Mollie Kennedy tier 1 vegetable producer
- AEM tier 3 conservation plan Ropitsky
- AEM Conservation plan Crest Royal Horse Farm
- AEM No-till Gregory & Smiths
- AEM Saratoga Mercantile/ high tunnel veg production
- Northcountry Stormwater Tradeshow Attendance
- NYACD annual meeting Attendance
- Held two Stormwater classes in Washington County and one in Saratoga County
- Septic grant payments in Clifton Park and one site visit (Clifton Park)
- Envirothon Meeting to plan the 2023 Envirothon
- Mohawk Watershed Chestnut meeting
- State Committee meeting
- PRISM strategic planning meeting