

**Saratoga County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Cornell Room  
Minutes of Regular Meeting 12/20/2022**

**In Attendance:**

District Directors:

Janet Bartow – Grange  
Kevin Veitch – Legislator  
Joe Grasso – Legislator  
Jay Matthews  
Steven Ropitzky –Chairman

District Staff:

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

Outside Agencies

Dave Holck -- FSA

Regrets: Kate Girard, Victoria Garlanda – At Large, Jennifer Koval – At Large Farmer

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman Ropitzky.

1. **Minutes of December 2022 Meeting:** Motion to approve made by Bartow, seconded by Matthews, all others approved.
2. **December 2022 Financial Reports:**
  - a. **Receipts/Disbursements Report, Budget vs Actual Report and Vouchers:** (**Attachment A, B & C**) Motion to approve made by Grasso, seconded by Veitch, 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:** Holck reported on FSA programs and County crop numbers. Holck retires effective 01/27/23
  - c. **RC&D:** No report.
  - d. **NYSSWCC:** Lewis reported on ag non point and crf grant dates
  - e. **NYACD:** No report.
  - f. **CCE:** No report.
5. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Water Quality Coordinating Committee:** Lewis reported on meeting
  - b. **Grants:** Lewis & Palmire reported on the following:
    - i. Agricultural Environmental Management –  
2 fuel storage grant designs completed, work set to begin in spring
    - ii. Septic –  
State willing to extend grant through 2026
    - iii. Roadside Erosion –  
No report
    - iv. Resiliency Training –  
Closeout paperwork to be completed
    - v. Micro irrigation Grant –  
Waiting for money to make final payment
  - c. **Part C Performance Measures 2022:**

District law training needed for 2023

d. **T&S 2023**

Brochure complete,  
Working on setting prices

6. **New Business:**

a. **Board member position:**

Ropitzky and Bartow positions expire, both wish to continue

b. **Clerk Position**

Motion to appoint Kaitlyn Bemis to position made by Veitch, Seconded by Grasso, all others approve

7. **Other Business:**

Discussion about legislative days Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Bartow and Ropitzky willing to attend

Discussion about Dustin attending National CDEA meeting in New Orleans Feb. 11-14

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

8. **Correspondence: (Attachment F)**

9. **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 3:00pm in the Cornell Room at 50 West High Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Meeting adjourned by Grasso at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Scott Monica, District Technician

Steve Ropitzky – Chairman