

Saratoga County Soil & Water Conservation District
Planning Room, 50 W High Street, Ballston Spa
Minutes of Regular Meeting 11/15/2023

In Attendance:

District Directors:

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

District Staff:

Dustin Lewis – District Manager
Scott Monica – District Technician
Dan Palemire – District Technician
Kaitlyn Bemis – Office Manager

Outside Agencies

Kate Girard

Regrets: Mike Smith – Legislator

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM by Chairman Ropitzky.

1. **Minutes of October 2023 Meeting:** **Motion** to approve made by Veitch, seconded by Bartow, Garlanda and Koval abstained, all others approved. Matthews entered the meeting.
2. **October 2023 Financial Reports:**
 - a. **Income Report, Expense Report, Bank Report, Budget vs Actual Report and Vouchers:** **Motion** to approve made by Koval, seconded by Matthews, carried unanimously.
3. **Field Report: (Attachment A)**
4. **Cooperating Agency Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS:** Girard reported 15 applications from Saratoga County for the new programs, primarily high tunnel projects, forest management and irrigation. 5 CSP payments were made. A grade stabilization project was also recently completed in Gansevoort.
 - b. **FSA:** No Report.
 - c. **RC&D:** No Report
 - d. **NYSSWCC:** Lewis reported a meeting is scheduled next Tuesday.
 - e. **NYACD:** No Report.
 - f. **CCE:** No Report.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Water Quality Coordinating Committee:** No meeting this month.
 - b. **Grants:** Lewis reported on the following:
 - i. Agricultural Environmental Management – Koval and Matthews left the meeting.
 1. Cover Crop Payment of \$1,250.00 to Koval Brother's Dairy: **Motion** for payment for AEM project by Garland, seconded by Veitch, carried unanimously.
 2. Round 18 AEM practices (***Attachment B***): **Motion** to approve attached list of AEM practices by Veitch, seconded by Bartow, carried unanimously.
 - ii. Septic – Three completed, two more are ongoing. Koval and Matthews returned to the meeting.
 - iii. Roadside Erosion – The payment to Edinburgh was made, looking to close out the account.
 - c. **Part C Performance Measures 2023:** All performance measures have been reached with the addition of a meeting Koval is scheduled to attend.
 - d. **T&S 2024:** All products have been ordered and confirmed, the District has begun sending in deposits to vendors.

6. New Business:

- a. **District Manager Review:** Bartow and Ropitzky committed to coming an hour before the December meeting, with Koval as an alternate.

7. Other Business:

- a. Re-listing the bid for the construction of the storage building: **motion** for listing the bid for the storage building by Koval, Seconded by Matthew. Carried unanimously.

8. Executive Session: No executive session.

9. Correspondence: Available on request.

10. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21st, 2023, at 3:00pm in the Planning Room at 50 West High Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020. The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM. Motion made by Matthews, seconded by Garlanda, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Kaitlyn Bemis, Secretary

Steve Ropitzky – Chairman

Attachment A:

November 2023 Field Report

- Hydro seed Town of Wilton
- Hydro seeder & no-till stored for winter.
- 4 ag assessments
- Resident, access road washout
- No-till-Saratoga Farm
- AEM AAP submittal
- AEM - site visit, Corinth
- AEM - site visit Saratoga Springs Farm/future projects
- AEM - final payment to Gansevoort farm (Sprayer grant)/future projects
- AEM - Forest plan/site visit Saratoga Farm (Saratoga PLAN)
- AEM - Saratoga Farm site visit (fuel storage)
- AEM – Orchard Facebook pictures/future projects
- Saratoga Lake silt site (Stillwater)
- Rowland Street Dam site visit (Milton)
- Administrative Conference
- Scheduled building site work (Milton)
- Attended Stormwater Tradeshow in Lake George

Attachment B:

BMP project Implementation Application

Eligible BMP Practices

1. Micro Irrigation System BMP 441
 2. IPM - suppression/advanced technology equipment BMP 595
 - Herbicide/Pesticide/Fungicide sprayer equipment
 3. Soil Health System/cover crop
 4. On Farm Secondary Fuel Containment Facility BMP 319
 5. Erosion control system structural
 6. Agrichemical Handling Facility BMP 309
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