

MINUTES

County Soil and Water Conservation District
Natural Resource Center
7413 County House Road
Auburn, NY 13021

July 13, 2011

10:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Blue Electron</u>	<u>NYACD – Division II</u>
R. Lockwood	C. Roberts	R. Podolak	K. Zadeh
R. Mills	J. Young	S. Huey	
S. Nemec	W. Jakaub	<u>Seeler Engineer</u>	<u>The Citizen</u>
<u>Absent</u> – D. Kehoe, P. Pinckney		T. Seeler	J. Murphy

2. MINUTES – Approval of meeting minutes for June 2011.

Motion by J. Young, seconded by C. Roberts. Carried

3. FINANCIAL – -Approval of June’s financial statements (see tab)

Motion by J. Young, seconded by C. Roberts. Carried.

-Approval of accounts payable (see tab)

Motion by J. Young, seconded by C. Roberts. Carried.

S. Nemec arrived at 10:03 a.m.

11-45 Motion by J. Young, seconded by R. Mills, to approve the following transfers:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
State Grant – Rnd 12 – Satellite Waste Storage	Federal Grant – EPA 12	\$9,224.80	Reimbursement for payment to Cuff Farm Service for KaVern Farms Irrigation System
Anaerobic Digester	Energy Billing – Checking	\$327.35	Energy Billing – May 2011
Earned Income - Rent	Energy Billing – Checking	\$614.13	Energy Billing – May 2011

Carried.

4. DIGESTER REPORT

Seeler Engineering – Tim Seeler

- Contract #6 – Digester Tank Project Completed – Tanks were tested and passed. Held pressures well.
- Contract #3 – Electrical High Voltage – Approaching completion.
- Contract #5 – Lighting protection to install – Almost complete.
- Contract Pending – Mechanicals – Mid August completion.
- PLC – Has been bid out. Will be delivered by the end of August. Completion at the end of August.
- Contract #8 – John W. Danforth – Change order for additional blower capacity for the generator, support pieces, parts not included in original scope.

11-46 Motion by S. Nemec, seconded by J. Young to approve the following resolution to authorize the Executive Director to sign the change order to contract #8 with John W. Danforth in the amount of \$16,609.91. Carried.

Blue Electron – Kamyar Zadeh

- Distributed report.
- PLC – Purchase order issued by Blue Electron.
- Transportation – Options studied. Outside professional costs estimated at approximately \$125.00/ hour. Currently exploring option of district transporting with farmers being responsible to load and unload tankers and to plow yard to allow trucks access. District owns tractors but discussed leasing versus purchasing tankers. Possibly purchasing old milk tankers. Start date to haul manure set for Sept. 15th.
- Separation equipment – Needed to meet financial goals. Option to purchase outside U.S., but will not meet “Made in America” requirement.
- Discussed option of selling liquid return.
- Carbon credits – Proposals requested from 6 companies. Received responses from two companies. Possibly do a five year contract to avoid market fluctuations. Discussions of certification and marketing, sale of credits, recordkeeping and billing are in process.
- Green credits – Have started process.
- Reviewed operating budget. Utilities estimated high.
- Transitioning process – District currently is doing a 7 day monitoring of dome. Training will be approximately 2 months. Target date set for October 30th to be finished and running.

11-47 Motion by S. Nemec, seconded by J. Young to approve the following resolution to authorize the District to provide equipment and personnel to transport manure from farms to the Digester and liquid return from the Digester to the farms. Carried.

K. Zadeh and T. Seeler left at 11:40 a.m.

5. RESOLUTIONS

11-00 The following resolution to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract extension with the City of Auburn, Town of Owasco and Cayuga County for the Owasco Lake Inspection Program was not acted upon. Tabled until next meeting of August 3, 2011.

6. REPORTS

NRCS – Katie Schor

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**
 - Construction is currently underway for a concrete storage structure & heavy use area protection. Shannon is taking the lead on completing construction checks and documenting the progress that has been made to date.
 - 5 EQIP contracts were developed under the 2011 program - (1 erosion control on cropland, 3 livestock waste & 1 conservation activity plan for the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure pilot). This represents approximately \$562,232 in cost-share assistance.

- Shannon has been diligently working on a complex erosion control system design comprised of 2 diversion ditches, 1 WASCOB, a 10" underground outlet and 10,000 of subsurface drainage. This is being done in conjunction with a stripcropping system that will be laid out in the fall.
- Construction of an 8" UGO has been completed and certified for payment. The WASCOBs that will be part of this system will be constructed in the fall.
- A design for a waste transfer system has been completed by a TSP and submitted to the NRCS Area Engineer for her review and approval. Once the design has been accepted by NRCS, the producer can begin construction.
- As-builts for a concrete composting pad and a waste transfer system for silage leachate have been submitted by TSPs. The as-builts have been submitted to the NRCS Area Engineer for final approval before payment can be authorized.
- 15,160' of high tensile fence was installed for an EQIP 2009 prescribed grazing system. As-builts were completed by Jason Cuddeback and payment has been certified for this item. In addition, Jason has completed designs for 2 watering facilities for this producer. Shannon reviewed the designs and signed off on them.
- **Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)**
No activity at this time.
- **Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)**
Steve Stroka and Shannon Bozeat met with the owner of a 64 acre permanent easement to finalize details for the Wetland Reserve Program plan of operation. Once completed, this will be sent to the WRP Program Manager for final approval.
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**
No activity at this time.
- **HELC/WC**
 - A joint site visit was conducted by NRCS and ACOE on a potential wetland violation site. Once I receive the final information from the NRCS biologists I will send the preliminary technical determination to the producer. He will be given the appropriate appeal rights before the determination becomes final.
 - I completed (25) 1026 requests for land clearing, ditching, tiling, drainage etc. We still have several that need to be completed, most of which will require site visits by appropriate specialists.
 - Jason Cuddeback and John Fraser have been completing RUSLE calculations for all of my 2011 Status Reviews.

OLWI – Jessica Reinhart

- Seasonal Watershed Inspectors started on June 20th and will continue through September 10. They will be working Tuesdays through Saturdays. Performing lakeshore and stream inspections, responding to complaints/issues, picking up OWLA water samples on Tuesday mornings, educating boaters at Emerson Park boat launch on Saturdays, and other work as needed.
 - In the process of completing surveys of firelane roads
 - Completed 52 boater surveys at the boat launch at Emerson Park on 7/9
- Continued working with the Asian Clam Task Force – working to have a dive team investigate the extent of the infestation.
- Fielded many calls about dead fish along the lakeshore. Many of the dead fish were large carp. The carp have been dying from the Koi Herpes Virus (KHV), which is just spread among carp. Also investigating yellow perch which were found to have sores (Seasonal Watershed Inspectors noted this during their work at the Emerson Park boat launch on 7/9). Working to determine the cause of the red sores, although at this point it does not appear to be VHS.

- I will be out on maternity leave starting August 3 (38 weeks pregnant). Seasonal Watershed Inspectors will be covering the leave until their departure mid-September

Executive Director – Ron Podolak

- AVC Program – Completed 1st cutting of Owasco Lake. Equipment currently being repaired, then will begin cutting in Cayuga Lake.
- Tubgrinder – Very busy schedule.
- Seneca SWCD – Has requested mowing services.
- Mizro Project – 1st phase of the project completed.
- Ag Museum Project – Project completed.
- Emerson Park Project – The District will do all Erosion and Sediment Control inspections, waterline installation and other components.
- Was requested to be a judge for the Farm Bureau Young Farmer State Competition. Winner will go to the National Competition in Hawaii.

Board Members

Jim Young

- Concerns regarding hogweed growth in Sterling Park. Was informed the District calls the NYS DEC with every citing call received. Noted that hogweed growth was mentioned on local TV news. Possibly put an article in the local newspaper also.

Steve Nemec

- Distributed articles.

NYACD – Division II Rep – Robert VanLare

- NYACD currently has three bills, concerning changing wording in the District Law, in the NY State Legislature awaiting action by the NY State Assembly .
- NYS Envirothon – Very successful. Winning team was the Academy at Fox Hill from Orange County. The second team, Skaneateles CSD, lost by three points. Three out of the top ten were from Division II.
- NYACD Annual Meeting – To be held on October 16-18, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel in Utica. Information should be distributed soon. All resolutions are due in now.
- SWCD Board Meetings – Attendance at various SWCD Meetings has been a learning experience.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 12:10 p.m. *Motion by S. Nemec, seconded by C. Roberts. Carried.*

9. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Wanda Jakaub
Asst. Secretary

Raymond Lockwood Jr.
Chairman of the Board