

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
Via Zoom
Regular Board Meeting February 09,2022

Present:

Directors

Rochelle Stein, Legislature(Vice Chair)
Christian Yunker, Legislature
James Kingston, Farm Bureau
Marirose Ethington, At large

Staff

Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager
Laura Bestehorn, Executive Secretary
Tim Welch, District Technician
Molly Cassatt, District Technician
Heidi Young, District Technician

- I. **Call to Order:** 8:30am R.Stein called the meeting to order.
- II. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion by C.Yunker, 2nd J.Kingston to accept minutes from January 12,2022 Board Meeting. **Approved.**

III. Open Projects and Staff Reports**A. Open Projects and Staff reports** (Appendix A, B, C, D,E)

Open projects report reviewed by J.Elliott.

EPA closeout to begin soon.

J.Elliott asked for approval to pay the YSI -Xylem invoice of \$262.00.

Product was purchased for SUNY Brockport as part of a grant. Motion made to approve payment of YSI invoice by C.Yunker, 2nd J,Kingston **Approved.**

Staff reviewed reports.

IV. Financial Reports**A. Bank Statements Approval**

A motion to approve bank statements for January 2022

by R.Stein, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

B. Treasurer's Reports (Appendix F)

A motion was made for approve Treasurer Report as presented by

M.Ethington, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

C. Abstract Approval (Appendix G)

A motion was made to approve payments Abstract #2 that were reviewed by R.Stein due to COVID and the board meeting being held by Zoom along with the YSI invoice by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

L.Bestehorn told board members due to the COVID pandemic and office staff at 25% deposits may not be in compliance for timeliness. The deposits are being made when L.Bestehorn is in the office.

V. Unfinished Business -No unfinished business at this time

VI. New Business

- A. National Envirothon 2024-Request for support from NYS CDEA**
J.Elliott reviewed the request for \$3,000.00 for support of the 2024 National Envirothon. C.Yunker suggested seeing what other districts are paying. The request will be looked into more and reviewed at a later date.
- B. Farm of the Year**
After discussion a motion was made to have staff make a final decision for Farm of the Year based on their experience with the farms by R.Stein, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**
H.Young entered meeting at 9:00am
- C. Genesee County Fairgrounds – Project proposal**
GC Fairgrounds roof runoff project was presented by T.Welch. Motion was made for approval to use Part C funds at a 75/25% cost share with CGSWCD paying up to \$41,250.00 by J.Kingston, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**
- D. Water Quality Monitoring Program**
M.Cassatt reviewed the water quality monitoring program. Motion made to approve \$16,411.80 of FLOWPA funds to 2022 WQMP by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**
- E. Restoration Project with SUNY Brockport**
M.Cassatt reviewed a SUNY Brockport project. Motion was made to provide a letter of commitment to assist with water quality monitoring on Black Creek as match to SUNY Brockport SOGL application. A commitment of up to 65 hours of staff time will provided by the district by M.Ethington, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

VII. Reports:

- A. NYSSWCC:** V.DiGiacomo – Report attached. (Appendix H)
- B. FISH & WILD LIFE:** C.Yunker had no new updates at this time.
- C. COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** (R.Stein, C.Yunker) C.Yunker told the group the the jail and water projects are progressing, and test kits/ masks are available.
- D. Vice Chair:** R.Stein told the staff there is a new County Attorney, James Wujcik. She told staff to continue to wear masks and that they continue to exceed the BOD expectations. R.Stein asked for an update on the NY Green coming for the March meeting and an update for the Water Quality Coordinating Committee for the following month.

VIII.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 09,2022

Meeting Adjourned: (1st by C.Yunker, 2nd by J.Kingston) 10:12am. **Approved**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Chair: _____ Approved _____

Attachments: Appendices A-H