

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting February 13,2024

Present:

Christian Yunker, Vice Chair
James Kingston, Farm Bureau
Marirose Ethington, Member At Large

Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager
Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer
Tim Welch, Conservation Technician
Rebecca Olsen, Conservation Technician
Joan Hodges, Conservation Technician

I. Call to Order

8:34am C.Yunker called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to accept minutes from the January 12,2024 meeting by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

III. Open Projects and Staff Reports

Open Projects and Staff reports (Appendix A, B, C, D, E)
Open Projects and staff reports were reviewed.

A. Bank Statements Approval

A motion was made to approve bank statements for January 2024 by J.Kingston, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

B. Treasurer's Reports (Appendix F)

A motion was made to approve Treasurer Reports as presented by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

C. Abstract Approval (Appendix G)

A motion was made to approve payments on abstract# 2 as amended with the addition of the Genesee County Highway January fuel bill in the amount of \$174.10 by J.Kingston, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

V. Unfinished Business

A. Covid Policy

J.Elliott looked into the Covid Policy and it was determined no action is required at this time.

B. New Logo

This was tabled until all board members are present.

VI. New Business

A. Envirothon

J.Elliott reviewed status of Envirothon. Discussion followed about outreach to schools.

B. Farm of the Year (Appendix H)

A review of nominations was completed. A motion was made to approve Boldt Farms as Farm of the Year by J.Kingston, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved**. J.Elliott to reach out to Boldt Farms as the chosen recipient of the award.

C. AEM Round 18 project proposal (Appendix I)

T.Welch reviewed AEM Rd 18 projects. A motion to approve moving forward with the projects presented was made by M.Ethington 2nd J.Kingston **Approved**.

D. FLOWPA 32 Project Proposal (Appendix J)

A motion was made to approve the FLOWPA 32 project proposal for James Pontillo as present was made by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved**.

E. WQMP- Oak Orchard Creek Study(Appendix K)

A motion to approve collecting data over a five year period along Oak Orchard Creek and to submit the data collected to DEC at a cost of approximately \$148,326.00 was made by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved**.

VII. Reports

A. NYSSWCC: V.DiGiacomo – report attached(Appendix L)

B. NRCS-H.Eisele unable to attend.

C. FISH & WILDLIFE- C.Yunker nothing to report at this time.

D. COUNTY LEGISLATURE: - C.Yunker

C.Yunker said things continue to move well with jail project and R. Stein was lobbying for funding for the city water plant, pump station and water towers.

E. Vice Chair: C.Yunker said the staff is doing a good job.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday March 05,2024

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:34am

by J.Kingston 2nd by M.Ethington **Approved**.

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the March 5th, 2024 meeting.

Chair: Approved ____

Attachments: Appendices A-L