

**MINUTES**

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District  
USDA Batavia Service Center  
Regular Board Meeting April 09,2024

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair

Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager

Christian Yunker, Vice Chair

Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer

R.Stein, Legislature Chair

James Kingston, Farm Bureau

**I. Call to Order**

8:30am D.Phelps called the meeting to order.

**II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A motion was made to accept minutes from the March 05,2024 meeting by R.Stein 2<sup>nd</sup> C.Yunker **Approved.**

**III. Open Projects and Staff Reports**

Open Projects and Staff reports (Appendix A,B,C,D,E,F)

Open Projects reviewed.

**A. Bank Statements Approval**

A motion was made to approve bank statements for March 2024 by R.Stein, 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Kingston **Approved.**

**B. Treasurer's Reports** (Appendix G)

A motion was made to approve Treasurer Reports as presented by R.Stein, 2<sup>nd</sup> C.Yunker **Approved.**

**C. Abstract Approval** (Appendix H)

A motion was made to Abstract #4 with the addition of 3 invoices-(2) Empire Access, (1) GC Highway Fuel by R.Stein, 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Kingston **Approved.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

**A. Nothing at this time.**

**VI. New Business**

**A. Open New York Class Bank Account – for Part C 2023 Performance Measures**

A motion was made to open a new account for Part C performance measures earned from 2023 by C.Yunker, 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Kingston **Approved.**

**B. Resolution 06-2024** (Appendix I)

A motion was made to approved Resolution 06-2024 time extension for 12months for the CRF5 Oatka Creek Soil Health contract was made by C.Yunker,2<sup>nd</sup> J.Kingston **Approved.**

**C. FLOWPA 31 Budget Modification**(Appendix J)

A motion to approve a modification to move \$5,478.00 from staff time to supplies and equipment by C.Yunker, 2<sup>nd</sup> R.Stein **Approved.** A movement of 10% of total contract can be completed without a request to the Water Resources Board.

**D. Hydroseed Materials Purchase**

A motion to approve a purchase of Hydroseed materials from Seedway using FLOWPA 31 Funds was made by **R.Stein, 2<sup>nd</sup> C.Yunker Approved.**

**E. Project Proposal- Culvert Replacement GC Highway**

A motion was made to approve a culvert replacement on Bridge 1213 Paul Rd Bethany, NY project using the remaining FLOWPA 32 funds was made by R.Stein, 2<sup>nd</sup> C.Yunker **Approved.**

**F. NY Green Update**

J.Elliott provided an update on NY Green activities noting they have been successful in securing a few grants along with an award from the Ralph C Wilson Legacy Fund. NY Green working on developing a strategic plan with TOB for pursuing funding applications.

**VII. Reports**

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

**B. NRCS-H.Eisele-** unable to attend

**C. FISH & WILDLIFE-** C.Yunker – Nothing to report at this time.

**D. COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** - R.Stein,C.Yunker

R.Stein said the jail will be dedicated in May. The legislatures continue to work on water opportunities for the County and they are working on getting broadband funding from the State. C.Yunker noted a Farm Bureau event with DOT that was well attend and talked about challenges with getting CDL licenses in NYS.

**E. Chair:** D.Phelps

D.Phelps thanked everyone. A motion was made if there is a conflict with the May board meeting the Chairman of the Board is allowed to approve and authorize all business as needed by R.Stein, 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Kingston **Approved.**

**VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday May 14 ,2024**

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30am by R.Stein 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.Kingston **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments: Appendices A-K