

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting May 11, 2023

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair

Christian Yunker, Vice Chair

Rochelle Stein, Legislature

James Kingston, Farm Bureau

Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager

Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer

Emily Edmunds, Seasonal Technician

Rebecca Olsen, Conservation Technician

- I. **Call to Order:** 8:00am D.Phelps called the meeting to order.
- II. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A motion was made to accept minutes from April 13,2023 board meeting by R.Stein,2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**
- III. **Open Projects and Staff Reports**
 - A. **Open Projects and Staff reports** (Appendix A, B, C, D, E)
J.Kingston entered at 8:05 am
J.Elliott reviewed open projects. Staff reports reviewed

IV. Financial Reports

- A. **Bank Statements Approval**
A motion was made to approve bank statements for April 2023 by C.Yunker, 2ndR.Stein **Approved.**
- B. **Treasurer's Reports** (Appendix F)
A motion was made to approve Treasurer Reports as presented by R.Stein, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**
- C. **Abstract Approval** (Appendix G)
A motion was made to approve payments on Abstract #5 as presented with the addition of Preferred Seed Invoice 83350 for \$2,045.00 by R.Stein, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved**

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Nothing at this time

VI. New Business

- A. **Ethics Training**
Ethics Training was reviewed and copies of the Power Point given to the Board Members with a reminder all paperwork must be to Lisa Casey, Legislature Clerk by May 31st.

B. Culvert replacement projects

i. Town of Pavilion

J.Elliott reviewed Pavilion Center Rd Culvert Replacement Project and cost estimates. A motion was made by C.Yunker for approval to help fund the replacement of the culvert for up to \$30,000 from Part C or 75% of total project 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

J.Kingston asked how people know Soil and Water helped fund the project and it was suggested maybe getting a sign or media involved.

ii. Genesee County

J.Elliott reviewed a culvert replacement project on Wortendyke Road.

A motion was made for approval to use up to \$50,000 from Part C funds to help with the project by R.Stein, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

A. NYSSWCC: V.DiGiacomo – Unable to attend, report attached(Appendix H)

B. FISH & WILDLIFE- C.Yunker reported John Lawrence will be the new representative for the committee. He also reported the with the approval of the Governor’s budget the youth hunt and the holiday hunt will be permanent.

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

R.Stein talked about the relationship the County has with Genesee Community College. The County has helped with upgrades to the roofs, HVAC and repaving parking lots among other things. R.Stein was happy to say GCC will be adding technical certifications like welding and plumbing to the list of classes available.

C.Yunker noted the jail continues to come together and is going well. It is looking to open possibly next March. C.Yunker also mentioned the Legislatures have received some good leads to help with funding the water project.

D. Chair: D.Phelps thanked the team for all their work.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday June 8,2023

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:01am
by R.Stein 2nd by C.Yunker **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the June 8, 2023 meeting.

Chair: Approved _____

Attachments: Appendices A-H