

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting June 08,2023

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair	Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager
Christian Yunker, Vice Chair	Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer
Marirose Ethington, At Large	Rebecca Olsen, Conservation Technician
James Kingston, Farm Bureau	

- I. **Call to Order:** 8:05am D.Phelps called the meeting to order.
- II. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A motion was made to accept minutes from May 11,2023 board meeting by C.Yunker,2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**
- III. **Open Projects and Staff Reports**
 - A. **Open Projects and Staff reports** (Appendix A, B, C, D, E)

J.Elliott reviewed open projects. J.Elliott noted the amount on FLOWPA 30 grant for SUNY Brockport was lower due to the contract being approved at a later date.
Staff reports were reviewed.
- IV. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. Nothing at this time
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **NY GREEN Resolution 04-2023**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 04-2023 in support of NY Green and appointment of district representative to Board of Directors by C.Yunker,2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**
 - B. **GRWCCD Resolution 05-2023**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 06-2023 designating the GCSWCD as Secretary of the GRWCCD as well as the Soil & Water Senior Field Manager as the voting representative, and the district technician as an alternate voting representative for GCSWCD to the Genesee River Watershed Coalition of Conservation District by J.Kingston, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**
 - C. **AGNPS Resolution 06-2023**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 05-2023 authorizing participation by the GCSWCD in the AgNPS Abatement and Control Program created pursuant to Section -b of the NYSSWCD's law by J.Kingston, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

M.Ethington entered at 8:30am
J.Elliott reviewed AgNPS Rd 29 18-1 project for Har-Go Farm Nutrient Reduction in White Creek Watershed. J.Elliott said NRCS will provide matching funds. J.Elliott to relook at the

budget to have the farm contribute 10% to the project. A motion was made to approve the project subject to landowner contributing 10% to the project by C.Yunker, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

J.Elliott reviewed AgNPS Rd 29 18-2 project for Ledge Creek Heavy Use Area.

Ledge Creek Farm to contribute 25%. C. Yunker asked if there was an opportunity for additional funding for this project as well. J.Elliott to look into. A motion was made to approve the project by M.Ethington, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

D. Centennial Park Tree Planting

J.Elliott reviewed the project. The project is for the city of Batavia. Grants have been applied for but it may not be fully funded. J. Elliott proposed using \$50,000 from Part C funds to assist with the project. C.Yunker asked if there is water access for this project. Jared it get more information on the project. J.Kingston said a good opportunity for a sign showing our support.

E. Laptop Purchase

A motion to approve the purchase of a new laptop from NRCS source at a cost of \$2,161.25 was made by C.Yunker, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

F. Training Opportunity for Staff

A motion was made for staff to take Civil 3D training auto cad at a cost of \$395.00 by M.Ethington, 2nd J.Kingston **Approved.**

A motion was made for staff to take the Dave Derrick training from July 25-28 at a cost of \$1,400 using FLOWPA funds by M.Ethington, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

VI. Financial Report

A. Bank Statements Approval

A motion was made to approve bank statements for May 2023 by C.Yunker, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

B. Treasurer's Reports (Appendix F)

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

C. Abstract Approval (Appendix G)

C.Yunker recused himself. A motion was made to approve payments on Abstract #6 as presented by J.Kingston, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

VII. Reports

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

B. FISH & WILDLIFE- C.Yunker – C.Yunker said John Lawrence was the new County Representative.

C. COUNTY LEGISLATURE: - C.Yunker -

C.Yunker said things continue to progress at the new jail site. The Legislature applied for a water bond. A county audit was completed.

D. Chair: D.Phelps said keep on going, everyone is doing great!

VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday July 13,2023

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:15am by J.Kingston 2nd by M.Ethington **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the July 13,2023 meeting.

Chair: _____ Approved _____

Attachments: Appendices A-H

