

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting August 10,2023

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair

Christian Yunker, Vice Chair

Marirose Ethington, At Large

Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager

Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer

Tim Welch, Conservation Technician

Rebecca Olsen, Conservation Technician

Mary Vandebosch, Conservation Technician

- I. **Call to Order:** D.Phelps called the meeting to order at 8:00am

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

J.Elliott reviewed open projects. J.Elliott asked to add an item to the agenda under new business.

M.Ethington entered at 8:10am

Staff reports were reviewed.

- III. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

A motion was made to approve minutes from the July 13,2023 board meeting by C.Yunker,2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

- IV. **Financial Report**
 - A. **Bank Statements Approval**

A motion was made to approve bank statements for July 2023 by C.Yunker, 2ndM.Ethington **Approved.**
 - B. **Treasurer's Reports** (Appendix E)

A motion was made to approve Treasurer Reports as presented by M.Ethington, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**
 - C. **Abstract Approval** (Appendix F)

A motion was made to approve payments on Abstract #8 with the addition of the Verizon bill by C.Yunker, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

L.Bestehorn shared a copy of an estimate of the district portion of the NYS Retirement bill due in December.

L.Bestehorn shared The Ag Chamber Decision Maker Tour date is September 19th and The NYACD annual meeting is being held October 24-26th in Penn Yan.(Appendix G)

- V. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **Centennial Park**

Board Members approved of J.Elliott writing a letter of support as requested for LaBella Associates for the Centennial Park project as it would help with the application process.

VI. New Business

A. Approval to open CRF Round 6 bank accounts

J. Elliott asked for approval to open bank accounts for CRF Rd 6 except for The Byron Soil Health Project (Byron Soil Health postponed until the September meeting) C.Yunker made a motion to open new bank accounts for CRF Rd 6 except for the Byron Soil Health Project, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**

B. Furniture Disposition

J.Elliott said the new desks are ordered and the old desks are not owned by GCSWCD. H.Eisele will be handling the disposition of them. J.Elliott will be renting a carpet cleaner before the new furniture arrives.

C. Conservation Skills Training Approval

A motion was made to approve training and hotel rooms for the Con Skills Training up to \$1,000.00 by M.Ethington, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.** The Conservation Training is Sept 18-21st.

D. Oak Orchard Small Watershed Protection District Critical Seeding

A motion was made to approve the purchase of seed at an estimated cost of \$5,481.00 from Part C and staff to support Orleans County Soil & Water (they are providing equipment) to seed the critical planting area by M.Ethington, 2nd D.Phelps **Approved.**

VII. Reports

- A. **NYSSWCC:** V.DiGiacomo – report attached (Appendix H) Unable to attend.
- B. **FISH & WILDLIFE-** C.Yunker – C.Yunker said there have been no meetings.
- C. **COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** - C.Yunker said the Legislatures are starting work on the budget and sales tax revenue was up. The water, jail and broadband projects as moving along.
- D. **Chair:** D.Phelps said keep on going, everyone is doing great!

VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday Sept 14,2023

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:55am
by M.Ethington 2nd by C.Yunker **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the September14,2023 meeting.

Chair: _____ Approved _____

Attachments: Appendices A-H