

MINUTES

Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Batavia Service Center
Regular Board Meeting November 09,2023

Present:

Dennis Phelps, Chair	Jared Elliott, Senior Field Manager
Christian Yunker, Vice Chair	Laura Bestehorn, District Secretary/Treasurer
Rochelle Stein, Legislature	Tim Welch, Conservation Technician
James Kingston, Farm Bureau	Rebecca Olsen, Conservation Technician
Marirose Ethington, Member At Large	Victor DiGiacomo, NYSSWCC

I. Call to Order

8:00am D.Phelps called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to accept minutes from the October 12,2023 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)

Open Projects and staff reports were reviewed.

V.DiGiacomo said AEM Rd 17 funds could be amended for landowners that planted additional cover crops so they can get reimbursed. J.Elliott to review and work with V.DiGiacomo on getting completed.

i. FLOWPA 31 modification- Not required.

ii. Advanced payment for Brent Tillotson

A motion was made to use \$3,485.86 from NYClass General Savings to complete a payout on the CRF 5 Organic Cover Crop in White Creek grant by C.Yunker, 2nd R.Stein **Approved.** The funds will be replaced when they are received from Ag & Markets.

J.Kingston entered meeting at 8:15am. M.Ethington entered meeting at 8:20am

IV. Financial Reports

A. Bank Statements Approval

A motion was made to approve bank statements for October 2023 by R.Stein, 2nd M.Ethington **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# 11 by R.Stein, 2nd C.Yunker **Approved.**

A motion was made to approve purchasing of two tables for the Ag Chamber dinner by C.Yunker, 2nd R.Stein. **Approved.**

A motion to approve disposition of items on the attached forms by R.Stein,2nd J.Kingston **Approved.** (Appendix H)

V. Unfinished Business

A. Technician Position

J.Elliott to interview first group of candidates that applied and then the Board of Directors would assist with second interviews.

VI. New Business

A. Health Insurance

A motion to renew the Univera 2024 health insurance plan for staff was made by R.Stein, 2nd M.Ethington **Approved.**(Appendix I)

B. Amendment to Section 63 Civil Service Law-Provisional Service Probation

J.Elliott reviewed the amendment attached.(Appendix J)

C. Utility vehicle and Trailer Purchase

A motion was made to purchase through the State OGS contract a utility vehicle up to \$17,000.00 to include purchase of a trailer and safety equipment using Part C funds by J.Kingston,2nd C.Yunker **Approved.** C.Yunker asked about insurance and R.Stein inquired about safety equipment.

VII. Reports

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

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

C. **FISH & WILDLIFE-** C.Yunker reported hunting season has started.

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

R.Stein said the legislatures are finishing the County budget and they are continuing to look for funds for water infrastructure. R.Stein is hoping the broad band contract will be complete by the end of the year.

E. **Chair:** D.Phelps thanked board members and staff for all the hard work they do.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday December 14th,2023

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:15am

by C.Yunker 2nd by R.Stein **Approved.**

Recording Secretary: Laura Bestehorn

Minutes are not official until approved at the December 14,2023 meeting.

Chair: Approved ____

Attachments: Appendices A-K