

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
December 13, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Aaron Ristow, Callan Space, Alan Teeter, David McKenna (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Samantha Smith
Agency: PJ Emerick

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. A quorum was present.

No changes to the agenda.

A Ristow moved to approve the November 8th, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. D. McKenna seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Agency Reports

NYS SWCC Report – PJ Shared details

- Round 27 award letters
- AgNPS Webinar from Dec 9th is available on SharePoint for all interested
- 2021 Part C Performance Measures – PJ is available all December
- DEC State Committee Meeting on December 21st
- Funding based resilient grant webinar was on Dec 7th
- Western Soil Health Alliance Dec 15th – crop improvement and soil health

Legislation Day Letter

Financial Report

A. Ristow moved to approve the November Financial Report. D. McKenna seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Vouchers

A Ristow moved to approve December vouchers as presented. D. McKenna seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

Paul – Available online

Cooperator Agreements

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2021-32 – doption of the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule – A. Ristow motioned to approve. C. Space seconded. Board meetings to stay on the same schedule of second Mondays at 11:00 am. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-33 – Payroll Certification – A. Ristow motioned to approve. C. Space seconded. Discussed the proposed payroll increases and reasons for. Inflation an increased health insurance led to this proposal, including increasing lower salaries to make more whole. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-34 – Adoption of 22 Holiday Schedule – A. Ristow motioned to approve. A. Teeter seconded. Reviewed the schedule list from county. Question if Juneteenth is national holiday now, if so, it observed? Jon will follow up with County. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-35 – Approval of Final Budget – A. Ristow motioned to approve. C. Space seconded. J. Negley went over final budget for operations, programs, and grants. No immense changes. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion – Cover Crop Implementation USC Cancelled – The farm the district had chosen was unable to plant cover crops, so the grant was cancelled. No money needed to pay back as funds had not been received.

A Ristow recognized D. McKenna as this is his last month. He served 8 years on the board, and everyone thanked him for support and participation throughout the years.

Entered Executive Session at 11:52 am.

Decided to repost Engineer job posting with salary of \$85,000/year

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 am. Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Samantha Smith, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman