

## Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD  
March 9, 2020  
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: Aaron Ristow, Dave McKenna, Callan Space, Deborah Dawson (Directors)  
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson  
Agencies: P.J. Emerick, NYS SWCC

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:06am. A quorum was present.

The addition of a Coronavirus discussion was added to New Business.

Approval of the February Board Meeting Minutes was tabled to later in the meeting.

### Agency Reports

P.J. Emerick reviewed the NYS SWCC Report and it is attached.

### Financial Report

C. Space moved to approve the financial reports for February as presented. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

### Vouchers

D. Dawson moved to approve the March vouchers as presented along with membership with the Soil and Water Conservation Society. C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

### Staff Reports

P. Gier, A. Hinickle, and A. Hogan provided written staff reports to the Board and they are attached.

D. McKenna arrived at 12:15pm

### Special Presentation

Soil and Water Conservation District Law training with P.J. Emerick was completed.

### Cooperator Agreements

None.

### Old Business

Engineer Position Discussion. This discussion was tabled for an Executive Session.

### New Business

RESOLUTION 2020-12 – AMENDED – Entering into contract agreements with Towns of Caroline, Danby, Newfield, Lansing, Dryden, and Ulysses for Storwater Tech in 2020. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. C. Space seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-22 – Award Bid for 2020 Hydrilla herbicide application. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded. The District will cover up to \$56,000 of portions of Solitude's bid. All in favor. Carried.

Chemung County SWCD Memorandum of Opposition and Resolution No.:1 – Schuyler County SWCD Authorizing Exemption to Proposed Changes in NYSDEC Law Discussion. Legislation has been introduced to regulate streams further in classification and additional permits may be required. D. Dawson made the motion to support opposition of proposed changes with J. Negley empowered to write a letter to that end. C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

D. McKenna made the motion to approve the February Regular Board Meeting Minutes. C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Executive Session

A Ristow moved to go into Executive Session at 12:36pm to discuss a personnel issue. D. Dawson seconded. The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:54pm. D. Dawson made the motion to offer the Engineering position to the selected applicant at an annual salary of \$75,000.00 with a sign-on bonus of \$5,000 and a review of the salary based on performance after one year. This offer is pending a discussion and approval from the County Administrator. D. McKenna seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Covid 19 Discussion – A work from home policy is included in the Employee Handbook and access to the District’s network is at the County ITS Department’s discretion. Some concern was raised about travelling to the upcoming Water Quality Symposium in Syracuse. The Board advised staff that it was not a requirement to attend and to use sense while travelling and attending the event.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2020 at 11:00am.

D. Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:03pm. C. Space seconded. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

---

Kym Jackson, Secretary

---

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman