

## Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD  
April 19, 2021  
Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Aaron Ristow, Alan Teeter, Deborah Dawson, David McKenna, Callan Space (Directors)  
Staff: Jon Negley, Samantha Smith, Angel Hinickle, Kyle Markwardt

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:03am. A quorum was present.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

D. McKenna moved to approve the March 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. D. Dawson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

### Agency Reports

NYS SWCC March Report – J. Negley reviewed the report. J. Negley will send out an invite to the Board Members for the SWCC meeting on Tuesday.

J. Doty had no report but an update- CRP Grassland contract has been approved and project construction is due to begin this month.

### Financial Report

D. McKenna moved to approve the Amended February Financial Report. D. Dawson Seconded. J. Negley mentioned that the only change was the addition of the budgets and grant summary. All in favor. Carried.

C. Space moved to approve the March Financial Report. A. Teeter seconded. All in favor. Carried.

### Vouchers

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

### Staff Reports

Introduce Kyle Markwardt as Conservation Technician and Samantha Smith as Senior Account Clerk/Typist.

A. Hinickle reviewed the projects she is working on and they are all proceeding well.

Paul was not present; his report was linked on Board site.

### Cooperator Agreements

None.

### Old Business

RESOLUTION 2021-10 – D. Dawson made the motion to approve the amended resolution to appoint Samantha Smith as the Secretary to the Board. D. McKenna seconded. All in favor. Carried.

NYS Aid Part C discussion – J. Negley provided project ideas for the remaining funds. Projects of interest included; hiring an Engineer, and projects which have a public benefiting factor. Staff will meet separately and bring a prioritized list to May board meeting.

### New Business

RESOLUTION 2021-18 – Entering into agreement with Tioga SWCD/Upper Susquehanna Coalition for AG BMP reporting. This allows some funding to TCSWCD with BMP projects. A. Ristow made the motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded.

RESOLUTION 2021-19 – Entering into agreement with Cayuga SWCD for Cover Cropping Project. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. Cayuga SWCD will work with Tompkins SWCD on the implementation of cover crops.

Cayuga Lake TMDL Public Comment – J. Negley reviewed TMDL and the plans within this draft model. Agriculture and nonpoint sources are the main concerns. The Draft Cayuga Lake TMDL was publicly noticed in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on 04/07/2021. A 45-day public comment period was established for soliciting written comments from stakeholders prior to the finalization and submission of the TMDL for USEPA approval. Further staff discussion planned to take place and return to next meeting with comments for the board to review.

Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Public Comment – J. Negley brought up this study of the National Park Service to determine the feasibility of designating the Finger Lakes region of New York as a national heritage area. Any public input is due by June 1, 2021.

Ethics Policy Disclosure – J. Negley informed the board of the gift certificates that had been sent from Ithaca Family Chiropractor for the staff.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38pm. Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 11:00am.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Samantha Smith, Secretary

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Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman