

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD
June 14, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Aaron Ristow, Deborah Dawson, David McKenna, Callan Space (Directors)
Staff: Jon Negley, Samantha Smith, Paul

A Ristow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:04am. A quorum was present.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

A.Ristow moved to approve the May 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. C. Space seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Agency Reports

NYS SWCC May Report – J. Negley reviewed the report. NYS SWCC next meeting is June 15, 2021.

Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, NYACD- Soil Bill passed, stream restoration, Engineer survey, Funding options including more WQIP, Dairy Implementation, etc.

Financial Report

A. Ristow moved to approve the May Financial Report. D. Dawson seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Vouchers

D. Dawson moved to approve May vouchers as presented. A. Ristow seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

Paul was present and gave a summary of current projects; Carey manure storage, PJ Houston manure storage, AgNPS 27 new application for covered barnyard, and other grazing projects. Angel and Kyle were not present, but their reports were on the board site.

Cooperator Agreements

A.Ristow made motion to approve Baxendell Agreement. C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2021-24 – Authorizing participation in the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program (Round 27). Project entails a covered barnyard which will ultimately prevent future runoff. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-25 – Resolution 2021-25 – Entering into 2021-2022 MOU with USC & Tioga SWCD for NYDEC Cover Crop Project. Funds designated to those who have 100 existing acres for cover crop AND 50 new acres that have not been cover cropped. Have farm in line to work with that meets requirements for funds. All in favor. Carried.

Budget Request Discussion- J. Negley lead discussion, went over options and priorities of 2022 budget. Went through PowerPoint of “Overview of Current Status and Future Budget”, board agreed that a one-time OTR for the appropriation funds was the best option. Requests due 25th

Part Time Admin Discussion- Reached out to Human Resources, working on moving forward to fill position.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm. Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 12th at 11:00am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Samantha Smith, Secretary

Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman