

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD July 13, 2020 Via Teleconference

Present: Aaron Ristow, Dave McKenna, Callan Space, Deborah Dawson, Alan Teeter (Directors)  
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson, Angel Hinickle, Paul Gier

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

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

A. Teeter moved to approve the June 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. D. McKenna seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

#### Agency Reports

There were no Agency reports this month.

#### Financial Report

D. McKenna moved to approve the financial reports for June as presented. C. Space seconded. J. Negley reviewed the report. Since the report, the District has received two BMP's payments of 65% for two farm projects. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

#### Vouchers

D. McKenna moved to approve the July vouchers as presented. C. Space seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Approval of Payment to Seneca Stone Corp. for Salmon Creek Project up to \$91,000. Approval of this payment was tabled until after Old Business.

#### Old Business

RESOLUTION 2020-18 – AMENDED - Approval of revision #2 for 2017-2018, 2018-2019 FLOWPA Workplans for Tompkins County. D. Dawson made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. J. Negley explained the District wants to shift line items from Compost to the Non-Ag Water Quality Improvement project items. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Approval of Payment to Seneca Stone Corp. for Salmon Creek Project up to \$91,000.00. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. D. Dawson seconded. J. Negley will send the amended Workplans to FL-LOWPA for approval prior to sending out the payment. If the amendments are not approved, there may be funding from the Town of Lansing or the District from other sources. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

#### Staff Reports

A. Hinickle updated the Board on the Salmon Creek Project. The Town of Lansing is working on the last 50-70 feet of the stream, will then connect it, and the District will complete composting and plantings. Timing of the District's restoration work will depend on the weather. Currently, it is way too hot and dry to begin. The erosion on Salmon Creek has been tremendous and the creek has shifted over 50 feet in just the last few years. The project was very low on fill, so the Town brought in some fill from near Red Bridge on a project they are funding. They have cleared downed trees, worked on the island, and will bring in rip rap to line the edge where the creek is close to the roadway. J. Negley let the Board know there was a nice article in the Tompkins Weekly publication about the project which A. Hinickle had done an interview for.

P. Gier let the Board know four farms would be beginning their manure storage projects this summer, a CRF project would also be beginning, and he has done some tile layout for Maki Farms. The Empire Farm Days and other events have been cancelled, so there will be no staff time to vendor booths this summer. A. Ristow noted the Soil Health Pavilion Training will be held through virtual means.

#### Cooperator Agreements

None.

#### Old Business (Con't.)

Fuller Farm Bid Recap. The bid results for the Fuller Farm were distributed to the Board. J. Negley advised that through counsel with the County Attorney, and NYS Ag and Markets, the lowest bid will be rejected as incomplete. The Company missed items on the bid and their bid was substantially lower than the others. The Company asked if they could re-bid the project, however, that would be unfair to the other bidders. So, the Farm decided to select the highest bid (Upstream Construction) based on their comfort level and rapport with company and their ability to complete the project in a timely manner. The Farm will be required to pay the additional amount between the next lowest bidder and Upstream Construction.

D. Dawson requested an update to the Part C funding regarding who still needs to complete training or attend a meeting. J. Negley and K. Jackson had begun putting the information together, but it is not complete at this time. They will send the information by email in the coming weeks.

J. Negley will be discussing next year's Budget with the County Administrator tomorrow. If there is any new information, he will let the Board know. D. Dawson noted everything hinges on whether the Federal Government provides aid to the State and County governments.

#### New Business

None.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 11:00am. The meeting will take place via teleconference. A. Ristow is unable to attend, but A. Teeter will run the meeting providing there is a quorum.

A. Ristow moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:37am. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Kym Jackson, Secretary

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Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman