

## Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Tompkins County SWCD  
August 24, 2020  
Via Teleconference (recorded)

Present: Aaron Ristow, Dave McKenna, Alan Teeter (Directors)  
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson, Paul Gier

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

K. Jackson noted the NYS SWCC agency report was left off the agenda and needs to be added, but it was available on the website for the meeting.

D. McKenna moved to approve the July 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. A. Teeter seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

### Agency Reports

J. Negley partially reviewed the NYS SWCC report. He highlighted the 2021 Annual Plan of Work would be developed for the next Board Meeting or October's. In addition, P. Gier and he will begin work on the AEM Strategic Plan to get it updated for the next five (5) years. J. Negley also noted this may be a challenge and changes may need to be made later due to the District's financial and grant funding uncertainty over the next few years.

### Financial Report

A. Teeter moved to approve the financial reports for July as presented. D. McKenna seconded. There was nothing significant to report. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

### Vouchers

D. McKenna moved to approve the July vouchers as presented along with a credit card payment to Waypoint Technology Group for enhanced technical support for 1 year. A. Teeter seconded. All in favor. Carried.

### Staff Reports

P. Gier advised the Board the Fuller Farm project was approximately 40-50% complete. Millbrook Farms is currently waiting for a geology and archeology report, in order to proceed. Carey Farms has selected a contractor to begin work on the transfer station. A wetland project should be completed by the end of this week in South Danby. P. Gier is also working with a farm in Ulysses for a fuel storage containment system. In addition, he will begin meeting with producers regarding fall cover crops.

### Cooperator Agreements

RESOLUTION 2020-32 – Entering into Contract with Marlindale Farms under Contract C012193. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. The Farm will be moving forward soon. It is currently waiting for EQUIP funding from NRCS and a signed contract with the District. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-33 – Entering into Contract with Sam Rose Farms for a covered barnyard. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. Funding has been secured and the Farm will need to come up with a 12-1/2% match for the project. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

## Old Business

Part C Performance Measure Review. A listing of the Board's participation in trainings and meetings to date was provided for review. A. Teeter needs to complete District Law Training and J. Negley will provide a link for him to complete the training by the end of the year. A list of upcoming qualifying meetings will also be provided for those who have not attended a meeting to date. P. Gier advised the next Empire State Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society meeting is being held the next day, Tuesday from 1pm-3pm virtually. He will send a link for those wishing to attend.

RESOLUTION 2019-34 – AMENDED #2 – Approval of TCSWCD 2020 Budget. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. Tompkins County is reducing the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Appropriation payment for 2020 and the Budget was modified to reflect the reduction. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-11 – AMENDED – Entering into a Contract Agreement with Tompkins County for services to the County. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. This Contract was amended to reflect the reduction in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Appropriation payment, as well. The District is able to absorb this reduction as the Engineering vacancy has not been filled. D. McKenna stated further reductions from 12% to 25% may be made for 2021. It is unclear at this time as changes may be made to the NYS Budget by the Governor in the future. D. McKenna recommended planning for several scenarios in 2021. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

## New Business

RESOLUTION 2020-34 – Entering into MOU with USC & Tioga SWCD for NYSDEC Cover Crop Project. A. Teeter made the motion to approve. D. McKenna seconded. P. Gier reviewed the Project. There will be approximately 450 acres between roughly three (3) farms who will plant cover crops this year. Approximately 350 acres will be newly seeded and 100 acres will be re-seeded. The project incentives are to add new acres and expand on the program. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-35 – Awarding bid to All Season's Excavating for installation of covered barnyard for Sam Rose Farm and approval of Notice of Award. D. McKenna made the motion to approve. A. Teeter seconded. The District took over the bidding process as there may have been a conflict of interest if the Farm had accepted the bids. One bid was received in the amount of \$148,000.00. The District has funding for the project in the amount of \$114,020.00 and the Farm will be covering the difference and providing match funds. No discussion. All in favor. Carried.

Salmon Creek Riparian Buffer Bid Award. This Award was tabled until the next Board Meeting as two (2) bids were received and the District needs to make some final comparisons and check their reasonableness before an Award is made.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2020 at 11:00am. The meeting will take place via teleconference.

A. Ristow moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:43am. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Kym Jackson, Secretary

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Aaron Ristow, BOD Chairman