

**District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2026**

1. Call to order: Chair David Coon called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Dave Coon: Chair; Tim Bontecou: Treasurer; David Koehler; Michael Lawrence; Chris Drago, and Lisa Kaul
Others Present: Brian Scoralick, Executive Director; Denise Bermudez, Secretary to Board
3. Public Comments: None
4. Approval of the previous month's meeting minutes: Tim Bontecou made the motion to accept the February 23, 2026, minutes as presented. Michael Lawrence seconded. Motion Carried.
5. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Michael Lawrence to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second David Koehler, Motion Carried.
6. Bills: A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to pay the District Bills as presented. Second, Michael Lawrence. Motion Carried.
7. Correspondence: None
8. Reports: Executive Director's Report: Brian Scoralick talked about how 3 staff members attended the Water Quality Symposium on March 10th – March 13th in Rochester, He also discussed the progress of the annual seedling sale and briefly discussed the ag breakfast that will take place on April 15th.
9. Old Business:
 - a) Board Reorganization – Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Secretary – Tabled until March board meeting.
10. New Business:
 - a-c) A motion was made by Tim Bontecou for the renewal of memberships with American Farmland Trust for \$50.00, Arbor Day Foundation for \$55.00, and Ducks Unlimited for \$35.00. Second Michael Lawrence. Motion carried.

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d) A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to pay \$500.00 to John Jay FFA Spring fest for a single vendor spot. \$65.00 for spot and \$435.00 Contribution. Second David Koehler. Motion carried.

e) Hudson Valley Carbon Farming Project - Since the Hudson Carbon Farming Contract is now closed and the remaining funds in the savings account are for contract administration due to Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District. A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to transfer the remaining funds, \$41,715.17 plus any interest, from the Hudson Valley Carbon Farming project account into the District savings account and then close the prior HVCF account. Second, David Koehler. Motion carried.

11. Next Meeting Date: April 15, 2026, at 10:00am at the Dutchess Count Fairgrounds.

12. David Koehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Bontecou seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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