

District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 20, 2020

Present: David Coon, Chair; Sandy Washburn, Vice-Chair; David Koehler, Director; Gregg Pulver; Director; Don Sagliano, Director; Tim Bontecou, Treasurer

Others Present: Brian Scoralick, Amy M Cross, Oscar Velez-Juarbe

1. Call to order- Chairman Coon called meeting to order at 7:33 pm
2. Public Comments- None.
3. Approval of previous month's meeting minutes- A Motion was made by David Koehler to approve the meeting minutes of April 15th, 2020. Seconded by Sandy Washburn. Motion Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report- A motion was made by Gregg Pulver to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Don Sagliano. Motion Carried.
5. Bills- A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to pay the District Bills as presented. Sandy Washburn seconded. Motion Carried.
6. Correspondence- NYACD Executive Director, Blanche Hurlbutt
7. Reports
 - a. Executive Director Report – Brian Scoralick reported that the seedling sale was successful and staff coordinated a curbside, contactless pick up system. Surplus trees were donated to the LaGrange CAC to plant as a buffer along the Wappinger Creek walkway. Lauren has been conducting contactless site visits, soil sampling and planning for Part C projects with producers. Brian and Shannon have begun hydroseeding projects for the year with a road stabilization project in the town of Washington. Upcoming projects in the town of Dover and town of Unionvale are scheduled for this month. The Hudson Valley Carbon Farming Pilot program is ready to be implemented with all counties having submitted plans and budgets for their participating farms. The contract is executed however the funds are not accessible until after the state budget black out period is over on June 1st.
8. District Business
 - New Business-
 - LAPTOP PURCHASES-David Koehler made the motion to approve up to \$7,500 for the purchase of three District laptops. Gregg Pulver Seconded. Motion Carried
 - EFPR GROUP BILL- Sandy Washburn made the motion to pay the audit firm bill of \$5,000.00. Don Sagliano Seconded. Motion Carried.

DUCKS UNLIMITED MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- Tim Bontecou made the motion to pay \$35.00 membership renewal to Ducks unlimited. Sandy Washburn seconded. Motion Carried.

PART C AG PROJECT: ODAK FARM- David Koehler made the motion approve a an additional \$711.10 to upgrade to 5 strand fencing on the approved waterway exclusion project. In addition, he made the motion for \$2864.66 to implement a rotational grazing system under the Part C funded District Agriculture Best Management Practice Cost Share. Tim Bontecou seconded. Motion Carried.

PART C AG PROJECT: KONDAS FARM- Sandy Washburn made the motion to approve the cost share amount of \$1235.30 for Waterway Exclusion Fencing under the Part C funded District Agriculture Best Management Practice Cost Share Program. Tim Bontecou seconded. Motion Carried.

PART C AG PROJECT: KLOSE FARM- Gregg Pulver made the motion to approve the cost share amount of \$20,159.74 for waterway exclusion BMP's and a rotational grazing system on Klose Farm under the Part C funded District Agriculture Best Management Practice Cost Share. David Koehler seconded. Motion Carried.

LAGRANGE BUFFER PROJECT- Gregg Pulver made the motion to approve paying \$507.50 for Tree Tubes and a donation of \$318.90 worth of surplus trees from the seedling sale to use in the installation of a buffer project on the Wappinger Creek in LaGrange. Sandy Washburn seconded. Motion Carried.

SOIL AUGER PURCHASE- David Koehler made the motion to approve expenses not to exceed \$450.99 for the purchase of a new soil auger. Don Sagliano seconded. Motion Carried.

INTERNS 2020- Gregg Pulver made the motion to hire two part time seasonal interns at \$12.00 per hour to cover the secretary position and to work on conservation projects this summer. Tim Bontecou Seconded. Motion Carried

UPDATE TO CONTINUITY PLAN DISCUSSION- A discussion was had to generate ideas on the reconstitution of normal operations when the office is able to return to normal business operations. No business was conducted during this conversation. A plan will be forthcoming.

6. Next Meeting Date: June 17th at 7:30 PM

7. Adjournment: 8:35 pm

The motion was made by Sandy Washburn to adjourn the meeting. Tim Bontecou seconded. Motion carried.