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District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026

1. Call to order: Chair David Coon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

2. Roll Call: Present: David Coon: Chair; David Koehler; Tim Bontecou; Lisa Kaul and Chris Drago
   Others Present: Brian Scoralick: Executive Director; Denise Bermudez: Secretary to Board

3. Public Comments: None

4. Approval of the previous month's meeting minutes: Chris Drago made the motion to accept August 19, 2026, minutes as presented. David Koehler seconded. Motion Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by David Koehler to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second, Chris Drago, Motion Carried.

6. Bills: A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to pay the District Bills as corrected. Second, Chris Drago. Motion Carried.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Reports: Executive Director's Report: Brian Scoralick discussed the progress of the DEC 3-Towns grant, He talked about the Dutchess County fair and how the district employees provided education and outreach to hundreds of people. Brian has been collaborating with the county on an ag tour scheduled for October 14/15, more to come as the planning continues. The cover crop program should have completions coming in soon. And Brian talked about the pollinator planting we are currently working on.

9. New Business:

   a. Part C – Buffer fencing at Clover Brook Farm, Andrea Parent Tibbetts – Tim Bontecou made a motion to authorize the payment of $8,125.00 to Andrea Parent Tibbetts for completion of buffer fence installation. Second, David Koehler. Motion carried.
   b. FSA & HRA – new benefits company – Chris Drago made a motion to give authorization to go into contract with a new company. Second, Tim Bontecou. Motion carried.
   c. IT Services – Tabled until next meeting.
   d. Farm tour fees – A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to not exceed $1,500.00 to contribute to food and county transit expenses for farm tour. Second, David Koehler. Motion carried.
   e. Pine Plains FFA Fall festival sponsorship – A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to approve the sponsorship amount of $500.00 to the Pine Plains FFA. Second, Chris Drago. Motion carried.

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f. Hudson River watershed alliance conference – A motion was made by David Koehler to approve $100.00 for Tyler Dezago to attend the Hudson River watershed alliance conference. Second, Tim Bontecou. Motion carried.
g. Admin Conference – A motion was made by Tim Bontecou to approve the registration and travel expenses to send 2 staff to the CDEA Statewide Administrative conference in November. Second, David Koehler. Motion carried.

10. Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2026. At 7:00pm

11. Lisa Kaul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Koehler seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

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