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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

**April 14, 2025**

**Minutes**

**I.** **Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Diehl called the regular business meeting of the Sullivan

County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors to order at 6:20 p.m.

Board members present – John Diehl, Vice Chairman Eugene Benson, Treasurer

Peter Carey, Member Nadia Rajsz, Legislator

Catherine Scott, Legislator

Board members absent – Justin Sutherland, Farmer Wilfred Hughson, Chairman

Agency representatives: – Brian Brustman, SWCD Lisa Schick, SWCD Amber Gray, SWCD

**II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2025, board

meeting, N. Rajsz seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

**III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:**

NRCS: No Report was sent.

FSA: No Report was sent.

CCE: No report was sent.

NYS SWCC: No Report was sent.

NEVERSINK/RONDOUT: See written report.

* Neversink/Rondout: New contract (SWP-102) has started April 1st.
* There were two applicants. Only one qualified person applied for the Construction Coordinator/Supervisor position. N. Rajsz made a motion to approve the hire of BT for the position, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

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## **IV.** **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Program Updates:

* Tree & Shrub: Pick up will be next weekend.
* Knotweed-Roscoe Fire Dept. approved the test site behind helicopter pad.
* Fish Stocking Program is up and running. Sportsman Federation requested a SWCD rep to attend a meeting to talk about the fish program.
* Working on gathering flood site projects.

B. Farmland Protection meeting will be held in May.

# V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.
2. Tree Program: BB stated it would be more efficient to hand out refund checks as customers pick up their seedlings. C. Scott made a motion to approve the refund payments and to hand them out at the pick up, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.
3. CD: The Wayne Bank CD term comes due April 22. The funds would be more liquid in NYCLASS. N. Rajsz made a motion for when the Wayne Bank CD matures to close account and move the funds to NYCLASS, C. Scott seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.
4. Received contracts from Sullivan County. N. Rajsz made a motion to have Chairman Hughson sign the contracts, C. Scott seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.
5. Neversink/Rondout SWP102 contract: Received $1.5 million and have opened two new checking accounts. Treasurer Benson needs to sign paperwork for account.
6. NYS Envirothon – Received invoice for NYS Envirothon. Sullivan County has no team this year, but would like to pay the fee as a donation out of Part C funds. C. Scott made a motion to pay the invoice, J. Diehl seconded, seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.

**VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS:** N. Rajsz made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals,

seconded by J. Diehl, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2025 – 3B $ 67,078.64

2025 – 4A $ 18,396.66

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - $ 96,885.28 - See breakdown sheet.

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**VII. TREASURER REPORT:** The Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet were reviewed. J. Diehl made a motion to approve the reports, C. Scott seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:**  The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 6:40 p.m. -Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick, J. Diehl,

Secretary to Treasurer Vice-Chairman