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Board of Directors Meeting

**March 10, 2025**

**Minutes**

**I.** **Call to Order:** Chairman Hughson called the regular business meeting of the Sullivan

County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present – Wilfred Hughson, Chairman John Diehl, Vice Chairman Eugene Benson, Treasurer Peter Carey, Member

Board members absent – Nadia Rajsz, Legislator Justin Sutherland, Farmer

Catherine Scott, Legislator

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

**II. MINUTES:** J. Diehl made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2025, board

meeting, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

**III. WRITTEN & VERBAL REPORTS:**

NRCS: No Report was sent.

FSA: See written report.

CCE: No report was sent.

NYS SWCC: See written report.

NEVERSINK/RONDOUT: See written report.

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

1. Program Updates:

* AEM: Need to make a few repairs at Diehl project. Ben Luskin will need to sign off.

Met with NRCS rep E. Fish at Kay’s Farm to discuss farm projects. Would use the remaining AEM funds for Kay’s stream crossing project. E. Benson made a motion to use the remaining AEM Round 18 funds for Kay’s stream crossing project, P. Carey seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

* Neversink/Rondout: New contract (SWP-102) is set to start April 1st. Contract includes a new position for a full-time Construction Coordinator/Supervisor and would like to release the job posting for position. Board discussed. P. Carey made a motion to approve the position in fulfilling the requirements of the contract and at a salary following the contract’s approved budget, J. Diehl seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
* Tree & Shrub: Have received 90+ orders to date.
* Fish Stocking Program is up and running.

# V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.
2. Earth Day Poster: Would like to have a contest for grades K-12 for creating a poster fitting the Earth Day theme and guidelines. There will be 1 winner within each of the 4 groups. Each winner will receive a fruit tree for their school. E. Benson made a motion approving the contest and awards, P. Carey seconded, no one opposed, motion was passed and carried.
3. Received Performance Measure funding in the amount of $231,280.46.
4. PFML: Paid Family medical leave was discussed. J. Diehl made a motion for the District to opt into Paid Family Medical Leave insurance, and the District will pay the full cost of the insurance, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.
5. P. Carey made a motion to open a new Capital and a new Expense Jeff Bank checking account for the Neversink/Rondout contract SWP-102, once funds have been received, E. Benson seconded, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

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

seconded by W. Hughson, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2025 – 2B $ 46,137.83

2025 – 3A $ 30,013.21

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - $ 41,423.48 - See breakdown sheet.

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

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:**  The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 6:20 p.m. -Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick, Wilfred Hughson,

Secretary to Treasurer Chairman