



*Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
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**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 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 Catherine Scott, Legislator
Eugene Benson, Treasurer Peter Carey, Member

Board members absent – Justin Sutherland, Farmer John Diehl, Vice Chairman
Nadia Rajs, Legislator

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

- II. MINUTES:** E. Benson made a motion to accept the minutes from the Oct 13, 2025, board meeting, C. Scott 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: See written report.

- CRF Round 9 grant closes on Nov 17th.
- Stream Corridor Management Program Grant closes on Dec 8th.
- AEM year 18 closes Dec 31st.

NEVERSINK/RONDOUT: See written report.

- Received a \$200,000 grant from Google for the Riley Brook stream restoration project. Funds will be spent from District Operating account.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Program Updates:

- AEM- Will work with T. Ferry to close out AEM grant.
- Flood Mitigation – Looking into working with B. Vairo to pull out felled trees from streams next to Hortonville turns while he is working in that area. Looking into other projects.
- Working on Ag Assessments for 2026 closing date.
- Pumpkin smash will be changed to a drop off recycling/smash, due to lack of outside staff help, with a gift bag given to all participants. Have one group scheduled.
- Tree & Shrub – Working on putting seedling items and nurseries together for 2026 program.
- CPFA Knotweed project ends December 31st. Working on project reporting for closeout.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bank Statements: The bank statements were reviewed.

VI. DISTRICT CLAIMS: P. Carey made a motion to approve abstracts, bills and pre-approvals, seconded by C. Scott, no one opposed, the motion was passed and carried.

2025 – 8B	\$ 34,439.07
2025 – 10A	\$ 28,650.63
2025 – 10B	\$ 70,321.40
2025 – 11A	\$ 77,492.10

Bills presented to the Board for pre-approval: Total - \$ 176,901.17 - See breakdown sheet.

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

Discussed ways to utilize savings funds. Looking into equipment for District programs, new Tech position and dedicated salaries and compensated absences. Will present options for December or January meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:44 p.m. - Motion by E. Benson

Lisa Schick,
Secretary to Treasurer

W. Hughson,
Chairman