

DRAFT MINUTES
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701
District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
April 25, 2006

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** 1:10 P.M.

A. Present:

Robert Anderson - Director Debra Kelley - Secretary
Leon Beightol - Treasurer David Wilson - Field Manager
Robert Thompson - Vice-Chair

II. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

MOTION by Anderson seconded by Beightol to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Carried!

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

MOTION by Thompson seconded by Anderson to accept the Treasurer's report and pay current bills. Carried!

A. **The following bills were approved for payment:**

SEE ATTACHED

IV. **Correspondence:**

A. Thank you letter from Terry Struchen of Washington Middle School, to David Wilson for his presentation to the sixth grade students.

V. **Reports:**

A. **Other Agencies** - none

B. **Committees** - none

C. **District Conservationist** - Rob Halbohm

1. **Program Update**

a. **Ormond** - We have completed the design for Ormond's bunk silo leach aid filter strip for the State Grant.

b. **EQIP** - Signups are finished we had 10 producers signup, 8 made it to the second round, we will finalize them on Monday and see how many get funded.

c. **CSP** - 13 producers signed up, 10 were Tier 3 contracts which is the best place to be in the program. 2 were Tier 2 Contracts and 1 was a Tier 1 which canceled out of the program.

d. **FSA Plans** - Update for the Cheney Farm, they have added one tract of land. **MOTION** by Beightol seconded by Anderson to approve the update to the FSA Plan for Cheney Farms. Carried!

D **District Field Manager** - David Wilson

1. **Trees & Shrubs** - Saturday will be our clearance sale, this year was a really good year for the program.

2. **Envirothon** - will be held on Friday at the College Lodge in Brocton. We have 22 Teams participating this year.

3. **Chautauqua Creek Project** - We will be doing a rock job in the creek. We had a site showing for the project on April 12 for the contractors. We will open bids today.

Contractor	Drilling Rig	Other Equipment
Nathan Terrill		Excavator - \$130/hr Loader - \$115/hr Bulldozer - 130/hr
Douglas J Nothnagle	\$300/hr	
Trent Caster	&437/hr	

MOTION by Anderson seconded by Beightol to award the bid for drilling to Nothnagle Enterprises and for other equipment if needed to Nathan Terrill. Carried!

4. **District Tractor** - is in and will be delivered to us as soon as we have room in the barn.
5. **Conservation Field Days** - will be held the first week in June at Long Point State Park, I will be taking my farm model.
6. **Arbor Day** - Friday is Arbor Day we will be giving out trees to the 4th graders in Chautauqua County with the help of the Conservation and Ag Classes for distribution.
- E. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley
1. **Grass Carp & Koi** - Orders forms have been sent out and delivery will be May 11th.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Election of Officers** - Tabled
- B. **Committee Assignments** - Tabled
- C. **National Assoc. of Conservation Districts Pay Dues** - Tabled
- D. **Appointments to the Board** - Tabled
- E. **Building Status** - Rob

We are trying to work out an agreement with the County to take over the building. USDA has a problem with changing landlords in the middle of a lease, so we have some details to work out their. The county has taken over some of the things already like mowing the lawn.

VII. New Business

- A. **Frank J Gould III - Back to work May 1st.** **MOTION** by Anderson seconded by Thompson to approve Jay Gould starting for the season as of May 1, 2006. Carried!

VIII. RC&D

- A. **County RC&D Meeting** - There will be a meeting 5/1/06.

IX. Water Quality

- A. **Water Week** - will be May 1st through 7th. The Health Department will be holding a water tasting contest in at the Chautauqua Mall again this year.

X. **Cooperators** - None

XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, May 25, 2006, 1:00 P.M. at the Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

XII. **Meeting Adjourned**

MOTION by Beightol seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 1:50 P.M.
Carried!

Debra A. Kelley
Secretary

David J. Sturges
Chairman