

DRAFT MINUTES  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701  
District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2006

I. Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 P.M.

A. Present:

David Sturges - Chairman                      Debra Kelley - Secretary  
Leon Beightol - Treasurer      David Wilson - Field Manager  
Bob Thompson - Vice-Chair      Rob Halbohm - NRCS - DC  
Fred Croscut - Director                      Jay Gould - Legislator  
Bob Anderson - Director

II. Minutes of The Previous Meeting:

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

III. Treasurer's Report:

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

A. The following bills were approved for payment:

SEE ATTACHED

IV. Correspondence:

V. Reports:

A. Other Agencies - none

B. Committees - none

C. District Conservationist - Rob Halbohm

1. Program Updates

a. CSP - We had three work shops in the French Creek Watershed, with 26 producers attending the workshops. The sign up period will run through March 31, I already have 4 producers sign up for appointments.

b. EQIP - Sign up period was open through February 15<sup>th</sup> we received 10 applications, we will be ranking them and submit them to the State Office by mid-March for funding.

3. New State Conservationist - To start in April.

4. Conewango Creek Watershed - I have a copy of a Letter from the State Office to Herb Nobles as Chairman of the Watershed Commission. The letter is in regarding to high classification dams needing an Emergency Action Plan. The State Office is offering their assistance to help develop the plan.

5. Contract Approval - 1 FSA Plan, 18 EQIP, 14 AMA. MOTION by Croscut seconded by Beightol to approve the Contracts. Carried!

D. District Field Manager - David Wilson

1. **Trees & Shrubs** - Trees and Shrubs program is moving along, we have about 152 orders at this time. We are ahead of last year.

2. **Envirothon** - The event will be held on April 28, 2006.

3. **Legislative Day** - Will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in Albany

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4. **Agland** - To date we have completed 85 parcels.

- F. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley
1. **Soil Stewardship Sunday** - Will be observed on March 26 at the Forestville United Methodist Church. NACD has proclaimed April 30 to May 7, 2006 as Stewardship Week, with the theme Water Wise.

VI. **Old Business**

- C. **Election of Officers** - Tabled
- D. **Committee Assignments** - Tabled
- E. **N.Y. State Association Conservation District** - Pay Dues - Tabled
- F. **Appointments to the Board** - Tabled
- G. **Audit District Books** - Dave Sturges and Bob Thompson will audit the District Books on March 23 prior to the regular meeting.
- H. **Building Status** - A meeting has been scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>, with George Spanos and Greg Edwards

VII. **New Business**

- A. **Grape Conference** - Will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at Fredonia State, Dave will set up a table to work on AEM Tier I & II Planning.
- B. **Farm & Garden Show** - Will be March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Chautauqua Mall, we will be attending.

VIII. **RC&D** -

- A. **Appointment to the RC&D County Committee Board** - **MOTION** by Croscut seconded by Anderson to accept the RC&D Committee recommendation for Tom Ormond to be appointed to the committee in place of Ted Mathews.

IX. **Water Quality**

- X. **Cooperators** none

- XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, March 23, 2006, 1:00 P.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

XII. **Meeting Adjourned**

- MOTION** by Croscut seconded by Anderson to adjourn at 2:30 P.M. Carried!

Debra A. Kelley  
Secretary

David J. Sturges  
Chairman