

DRAFT MINUTES
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Chautauqua County Fair, Dunkirk, NY 14048
District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
July 27, 2007

I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:05 A.M.

A. Present:

David Sturges - Chairman

Fred Croscut - Director

Robert Thompson-Vice Chair

Leon Beightol - Treasurer

David Wilson - Field Manager

Debra Kelley - Secretary

Rob Halbohm - NRCS - DC

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

MOTION by Croscut seconded by Beightol to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Carried.

III. Correspondence:

IV. Reports:

A. Other Agencies - none

B. Committees - none

C. District Conservationist - Rob Halbohm

1. **Program Updates - MOTION** by Croscut seconded by Beightol to approve the Whole Farm Plan and the WRP Plan. Carried!

2. **Ag Tour** - Will be August 17th. I have sent a News Release to the Newspapers. The State Commissioner of Ag & Markets, Pat Hooker will be attending and will be the speaker at noon. We will start in Findley Lake at Matt Beckerinks' around 10:30AM and we will be stopping at Cross Roads for lunch. In the afternoon we will be stopping at Betts Grape Farm.

3. **NRCS Draft Closing Plan - See Attached.**

D. District Field Manager - David Wilson

1. **Hydro-Seeding** - We have been doing quite a bite of hydro-seeding this season.

2. **Road Ditch Stabilization Grant (DEC)** - I am still waiting for DEC, it is in Albany now.

3. **National Envirothon** - New York State is hosting it this year, I will be helping with it. I will be leaving for Geneva, NY on Sunday for a week. There are 47 teams from the US and 7 from Canada.

4. **Additional State Reimbursement** - There is a possibility of an additional \$30,000 in state reimbursement. There are specific things that have to be done to receive these funds. The Directors of the SWCD will be required to attend some trainings and meetings. New directors should be made aware of it.

E. District Secretary - Debra Kelley

1. **State Audit Report** - I have not completed my reply to the State Comptrollers Office, but as soon as I get it completed I will call you for approval and signatures.

2. **Summer Fish Stocking** - I have completed my summer stocking program. I still have trout to do in the Fall.

V. **Old Business**

- A. **Personnel Appraisals** - Tabled
- B. **Audit District Books** - **MOTION** by Croscut seconded by Beightol to accept the report from the State comptrollers Office inlieu of the District Board Audit. Carried!
- C. **Conewango Creek Bunk Silo Project Grant** -
 1. Landowner Change - **MOTION** by Thompson seconded by Beightol to change a landowner from Dye's Farm to Doug Bunker's Farm. Carried!
 2. Addition Money to Pimm View Farms - **MOTION** by Thompson seconded by Beightol to approve the change in the budget to increase the funds for Pimm View Farms. Carried!

VI. **New Business**

- A. **District Budget & Meeting** - **MOTION** by Croscut seconded by Thompson to approve the budget as presented. Carried!
- B. **Lakes & Waterway Preservation** - Bed Tax Money, Who is the authority on the Counties lakes and waterways. We would like to be a part of this. We may apply for some of this money next year.
- C. **Perry Farmers' Market** - **MOTION** by Croscut seconded by Thompson to allow Dave and Debbie to attend the Farmers Market in Perry with the Cow. Carried!

VII. **Treasurer's Report:**

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

A. The following bills were approved for payment:

SEE ATTACHED

VIII. **RC&D**

A. Ridgeline Farms - presented a proposal to the RC&D Council to help them look for grant money to enhance the methane digester on their farm. **MOTION** by Beightol seconded by Thompson to approve the project measure for Ridgeline Farms. Carried!

IX. **Water Quality**

X. **Cooperators** - None

XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, August 23, 2007, 10:00 A.M. at the Frank W Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701

XII. **Meeting Adjourned**

MOTION by Beightol seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 11:45 A.M. Carried!