

DRAFT MINUTES
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701
District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
April 24, 2008

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

A. Present:

Fred Croscut - Chairman	David Wilson - Field Manager
Bruce Kidder - Director	Debra Kelley - Secretary
Allen Peterson- Director	Rob Halbohm - NRCS
Leon Beightol - Treasurer	Edwin Almodovar - NRCS

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

III. Treasurer's Report:

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

A. The following bills were approved for payment:

SEE ATTACHED

IV. Correspondence:

- A.** A thank you from Jane Conroe and the Maple Grove Science Dept. to David Wilson for his presentation at the Water Forum for Education on 3/31/08 at Maple Grove School.
- B.** A thank you from Silver Creek School to David Wilson for participating in their annual Career Day on 3/27/08
- C.** A thank you from the Stockton Panthers 4-H Club to Jay Gould for helping them with their Bluebird House Project.

V. Reports:

A. Other Agencies

B. Committees

C. District Conservationist - Rob Halbohm

1. Introduction - Edwin Almodovar

I am going around to the different counties and trying to go to a board meeting to meet everyone. If you have any questions from me don't hesitate to ask them.

2. Program

a. Conservation Plans - I have one whole farm plan in Forestville for approval. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson to approve the Conservation Plan that was presented. Carried!

3. Conewango Watershed Dams - The Conewango Watershed Commission, the District and the County Executive all got a letter from NRCS regarding the watershed dams. It outlined a lot of different points about the maintenance of the dams. The Commission has been working with NRCS on the rehabilitation of the dams in Chautauqua County. See Attached Map.

4. Operations Agreement - In the future NRCS will be making arrangement for districts to pay their rent. It will vary from county to county. It will have to be addressed in the future.

- D. **District Field Manager** - David Wilson
1. **Trees & Shrubs** - Trees and Shrubs program is coming along, we have 368 orders at this time. We have some large orders this year so that helps. April 1st was the deadline to order. Today is the first day they could be picked up.
 2. **Envirothon** - Will be held on May 2nd at the Jamestown Audubon Society we have 13 schools and 26 teams this year.
 3. **Conservation Field Days** - Is scheduled for May 28 & 29 at Long Point State Park. The District will have a station at the event again this year
 4. **Arbor Day** - Is Friday April 25th, the conservation class in each school will distribute the trees to each of the classes in the 4th grade
 5. **Tree Seminar** - I had my picture in the paper the other day I did a tree seminar with Forecon, here at the Ag Center.
 6. **Goose Creek** - We are going out to do some surveying in the mouth of Goose Creek, because they want to do some dredging. I will meet with the association to make sure that we agree on what is to be done.
- E. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley
1. **Fish Stocking** - I am working on grass carp orders now and we will be working on spring fish stocking in early June.

VI. Old Business

- A. **NYS Association Conservation District** - Pay Dues: Tabled
- B. **Contract for Ag Non-Point Round 13, French Creek** - I have landowner contracts for the Chairman to sign. They have already been approved.

VII. New Business

- A. **Springville Dairy Days** - We have been invited back to this event again this year on June 6 through 8. We think this is a good program and would like to participate.
- B. **NYACD Division I Directors Meeting** - is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14th at the Hamburg Fair Grounds. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson for staff and directors to attend. Carried!
- C. **Member Item, Cathy Young** - We have received confirmation from Cathy Young's office for a Member Item Grant to purchase new computers and equipment.

VIII. RC&D

Next Chautauqua County Meeting will be May 5, 2008 at 10:00 AM

IX. Water Quality

- A. **Water Week** - is next week at the Chautauqua Mall, we will have a water tasting contest again this year.

X. Cooperators none

XI. Next Meeting - Thursday, May 22, 2008, 1:00 P.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

XII. Meeting Adjourned

MOTION by Kidder seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 P.M. Carried!

Debra A. Kelley
Secretary

Fred Croscut
Chairman