

DRAFT MINUTES
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701
District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
March 27, 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
	Jay Gould - Legislator

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

MOTION by Peterson seconded by Kidder to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Carried!

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

MOTION by Kidder seconded by Peterson 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**

B. **Committees**

C. **District Conservationist** - Rob Halbohm

1. **Program Updates**

a. **Conservation Plans** - I have two Conservation Plans for approval. These are updates to their Food Security Act Plans, which covers their HEL land. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson to approve the Conservation Plan Updates that were presented. Carried!

b. **EQIP & AMA Reviews** - We are reviewing contracts that are behind schedule and have canceled a couple of contracts due to inactivity.

c. **Non-Discrimination Statement** - The board reviewed the Non-Discrimination Statement.

D. **District Field Manager** - David Wilson

1. **Trees & Shrubs** - Trees and Shrubs program is progressing, we have 280 orders at this time. We have some large orders this year so that helps. April 1st is the deadline for orders.

2. **Envirothon** - is moving along nicely, Dave went to Falconer School the other day and did a presentation for their teams.

3. **Career Days at Silver Creek School** - I went to Silver Creek School this morning for a Career Day Presentation. I think I have found a contact for the Envirothon next year. I met a teacher that was very interested.

4. **A Water Forum For Education** - The Science Dept at Maple Grove School ask me to put on a presentation for this event which will be held on March 31 at the school.

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5. **Grant from the Sheldon Foundation** - I would like to apply for a grant to do lawn sampling around the lake. Motion by Kidder seconded by Peterson to support the grant application to the Sheldon Foundation to do lawn sampling in the amount of \$8,200. Carried!
- E. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley
1. **Soil Stewardship Week** - will be held on April 27 at the Falconer United Methodist Church.
 2. **Directors Oath of Office** - All directors are supposed to re-do their Oath every year.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. **NYS Association Conservation District** - Pay Dues: Tabled
- B. **Contract with Chautauqua County for 2008** - We have received our Contract, Fred signed it and we have sent it back to the county.

VII. **New Business**

- A. **Wind Turbine/Gas or Oil Leasing Landowners Informational Meeting** - The Soil & Water Conservation District, Cooperative Extension of Chaut. County and Southern Tier West sponsored a meeting on March 19, 2008. Over 85 people were in attendance to listen to several speakers talk on this subject.

VIII. **RC&D**

IX. **Water Quality**

- A. **CLMC** - has named a technical advisory committee. Wade Morris from Farm Bureau called Dave Wilson to ask if he would represent Farm Bureau on this committee.

X. **Cooperators** none

- XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, April 24, 2008, 1:00 P.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

XII. **Meeting Adjourned**

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

Debra A. Kelley
Secretary

Fred Croscut
Chairman