

DRAFT MINUTES
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701
District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
December 18, 2009

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

A. Present:

Fred Croscut - Chairman	David Wilson - Field Manager
Leon Beightol - Treasurer	Debra Kelley - Secretary
Bruce Kidder - Director	Rob Halbohm - NRCS - DC
Robert Thompson - Vice-Chair	Jay Gould - PT Technician

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

MOTION by Thompson seconded by Kidder to approve the minutes of the November Meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report:

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

A. The following bills were approved for payment:

SEE ATTACHED

IV. Correspondence:

- A.** Newspaper Article in the Post Journal from the Loomis Bay Community Association publicly thanking all of the organizations that helped with the Goose Creek Dredging Project.
- B.** Letter from Astor Boozer, State Conservationist Regarding the Potential for Multiple uses of Flood Control Dams in NY. See Attached.

V. Reports:

A. Other Agencies

B. Committees

C. District Conservationist - Rob Halbohm

1. Conewango Creek Watershed Rehabilitation - Our State Office has contacted me to see if the county would be able to come up with their share of the funding for the rehabilitation of the watershed dams on sites 3 & 6. The county has made a commitment to this project as long as in-kind services will be permitted.

2. Program Updates

a. EQIP, WHIP, AMA - Open sign up for these programs until January 22, 2010. See Attached.

b. Farm & Ranch Land Protection Program - has open signup until February 1, 2010. This program is primarily oriented toward purchasing development rights. To be eligible for this program the land owner must be working through an entity, a unit of government, or a non-government agency like a conservancy. See Attached.

D. District Field Manager - David Wilson

1. Trees & Shrubs - We are working on the catalog and hope to have them out shortly after the first of the year.

2. **Agland** - We are working on them we have done about 25-30.
3. **Envirothon** - It is the 20th Anniversary for the Chautauqua County Envirothon, so I am writing some grants to try and get some extra funds for memorabilia items. The review session is scheduled for January 22 and the event is scheduled for April 30.

E. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley
No Report

VI. Old Business

- A. **Letters for Appointments to the Board** - Tabled until election results are final.

VII. New Business

- A. **Legislative Day** - will be January 25 & 26 in Albany. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Thompson to approve staff and directors to attend.
- B. **Employee Training Plans** - **MOTION** by Beightol seconded by Kidder to approve the Employee Training Plans as presented.
- C. **AEM Year 5 Contract** - **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Thompson to approve the Contract and for the Chairman to sign them.

VIII. RC&D

- A. **Project Measure** - for Greg Rater will be sent on to the Council.

IX. Water Quality

Chautauqua Lake Management Plan the report is due to the Technical Advisory Committee before Christmas.

X. Cooperators None

XI. Next Meeting - Thursday, January 28, 2010, 9:30 A.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

XII. Meeting Adjourned

MOTION by Kidder seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Debra A. Kelley
Secretary

Fred Croscut
Chairman