

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701**  
**District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting**  
**October 22, 2009**

**I. Meeting Called to Order: 9:30 A.M.**

**A. Present:**

Fred Croscut - Chairman	David Wilson - Field Manager
Leon Beightol - Treasurer	Debra Kelley - Secretary
Allen Peterson - Director	Mia Halter - NRCS - Soil Con
Bruce Kidder - Director	

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

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Kidder to approve the minutes of the September Meeting.

**III. Treasurer's Report:**

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Kidder to accept the Treasurer's report and pay current bills including reimbursement to Bruce Kidder for NYACD Mtg.

**A. The following bills were approved for payment:**

SEE ATTACHED

**IV. Correspondence:**

**V. Reports:**

**A. Other Agencies**

**B. Committees**

**C. District Conservationist - Mia Halter**

**1. Program Updates - See Attached Report**

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

**1. Chautauqua Lake Plan -** I went to Rochester with Rick Constantino to work on the Chautauqua Lake Management Plan with Bergman and Associates. I think this went well; the amount of agland in the watershed was the main discussion.

**2. EPF Grants -** have been awarded for round 15. We will receive \$565,420 to work with Woodis's on a manure pit, John Knight for milk house waste management project and Ted Card for barnyard management project.

**3. Mia Halter -** This is Mia's last week in Chautauqua County she will be going to Wyoming County to work. On behalf of the district I would like to thank her for all of the work she has done here.

**E. District Secretary - Debra Kelley**

**1. NYSCEA Administrative Committee -** I have accepted the position of chairman for the Administrative Committee, I will be working on the March Training session setting up classes and instructors along with the other committee members.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Farmer of the Year - MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Beightol to approve Oak View Dairy to receive the Conservationist of the Year Award at the Annual Joint Banquet.

- B. **NYACD Annual Meeting** - Bruce Kidder made a report to the board regarding the NYACD Meeting in Lake George that he attended. **MOTION** by Beightol seconded by Peterson to write a letter to Aster Boozer of NRCS in regards to the co-location of NRCS and SWCD.
- C. **Joint Annual Banquet** - will be held on November 5, 2009 at the Cassadaga American Legion, Dr Bruce Baum will be the guest speaker.
- D. **Director Training** - We will have director training at the November Board Meeting. The State Committee has sent out training modules for the district to use.

**VII. New Business**

- A. **Health Insurance** - We are looking at different plans in an effort to save some money. The plan we are currently in will increase in January. We are going to try and come up with a better, less expensive plan for our retirees as well.
- B. **Conservation Project Financial Assistance Request** - We will be submitting a request for \$6,000 to purchase a native warm season grass box to fit on our vineyard no-till drill. **Motion** by Peterson seconded by Beightol to submit the request for the seeder.
- C. **District Budget** - We are in for the same as last year, but Rudy Muller was going to ask for an increase for us.
- D. **Director Expenses** - this is a reminder to the directors if they have expenses that they need reimbursed for, to bring them to the next meeting.

**VIII. RC&D**

- A. **Next Meeting** - will be held November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Roger Tory Peterson Institute.

**IX. Water Quality**

Chautauqua Lake Management Plan should be released in January of 2010

**X. Cooperators** None

- XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, November 19, 2009, 9:30 A.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

**XII. Meeting Adjourned**

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Beightol to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

Debra A. Kelley  
Secretary

Fred Croscut  
Chairman