

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701**  
**District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting**  
**March 10, 2011**

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

A. Present:

Fred Croscut - Chairman	David Wilson - Field Manager
Bruce Kidder - Treasurer	Debra Kelley - Secretary
Allen Peterson - Director	Rob Halbohm - NRCS
Shaun Heenan - Legislator	Nicole Kerstetter - NRCS Intern

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

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Kidder to approve the minutes of the January meeting.

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

**MOTION** by Heenan seconded by Peterson to accept the Treasurer's report for January and February and to pay current bills.

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

SEE ATTACHED

IV. **Correspondence:**

A. Letter from Senator Cathy Young to Dave Wilson for stopping into her office in Albany to meet with her regarding Soil & Water Issues.

V. **Reports:**

A. **Other Agencies**

B. **Committees**

1. **Audit Committee** - Reported to the board that they met today to audit the District financial records and they appear to be in order. See Attached. **MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Heenan to accept the Audit committees report.

C. **District Conservationist** - Rob Halbohm

1. **Emergency Watershed Protection** - We had a site showing for the Village of Silver Creeks project yesterday. It was very well attended by contractors. This is a 350' long section of streambank that will be protected by a stacked rock wall. We can get started on June first.

2. **Program Updates** - We are getting ready do all of the rankings on all of the applications that came in and we should have them ready by early next week.

3. **Food Security Act Plans** - I have one FSA Plan for approval. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson to approve the FSA Plan as presented.

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

1. **Trees & Shrubs** - Trees and Shrubs are well underway, we have about 125 orders. We are hoping for a good sale this year.

2. **Envirothon** - Was scheduled to be at Cockaigne Ski Center, in Cherry Creek, NY this year, but due to the fire there it has been relocated to the Jamestown Audubon Society in Jamestown, NY.
  3. **Ag Assessments** - are pretty much done for this year. We did have two late filed, which is after March 1<sup>st</sup> and we did impose the late file fee.
  4. **2% Applications for 2012** - are out and are due back to Jeff Diers at the county by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  5. **2011 2% Projects** - we are getting ready to start the 2011 projects. One of these projects will work right into Robs' project in Silver Creek.
  6. **2011 Grape Conference** - Will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Fredonia State. Rob and I have been asked to do a breakout session on chemical mixing centers.
- E. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley
1. **Soil Stewardship Sunday** - Will be held at the Panama United Methodist Church in May.
  2. **New Computer** - The District Laptop, which is 10 years old, has a bad hard drive. I would like to request to purchase a new one. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson to purchase a new laptop.

## VI. Old Business

- A. **2011 Appointments to the Board** - have been made as requested.
- B. **Election of Officers - Chairman - Fred Croscut** Nominated by Kidder seconded by Peterson for Chairman of the Chautauqua County SWCD. **MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Kidder to close the nominations. Chair cast one ballot.  
**Vice-Chairman - Allen Peterson** nominated by Heenan seconded by Kidder for Vice-Chairman of the Chautauqua County SWCD. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Heenan to close the nominations. Chair cast one ballot.  
**Treasurer - Bruce Kidder** nominated by Peterson seconded by Heenan for Treasurer of the Chautauqua County SWCD. **MOTION** by Heenan seconded by Peterson to close the nominations. Chair cast one ballot.  
**Secretary - Debra Kelley** nominated by Kidder seconded by Heenan for Secretary/Assistant Treasurer of the Chautauqua County SWCD. **MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Heenan to close the nominations. Chair cast one ballot.
- C. **Contract with Chautauqua County for 2011** - The contract is at the Law Department.
- D. **Committee Assignments** - Committee Assignments were made by the Chairman. See Attached. **MOTION** by Thompson seconded by Peterson to approve the Committee Assignments.
- E. **Legislative Day** - Dave Wilson and Jay Gould went to Legislative Day and Shaun Heenan met with them in Albany. They had meetings setup with Assemblyman Giglio and Goodell, but they were at the

Governors' Mansion for a breakfast meeting. They did get to meet with Senator Cathy Young and staff members for Assemblyman Giglio and Goodell.

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**VII. New Business**

- A. **Round 17 Ag Grants** - we have unofficially received the ranking for round 17 Grant Applications. The Governor will make the announcement at his pleasure.

**VIII. RC&D**

- A. **Appointments to the RC&D Council** - **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson for the District to write a letter to the County Executive asking for appointments. Fred Croscut, Legislative Member, Larry Brown, SWCD Representative and Tom Ormond, Member at Large for the Chautauqua County RC&D Council.
- B. Larry Brown - Reported to the Board, See Attached.

**IX. Water Quality**

The Planning Department has hired a new Watershed Coordinator and is now on board, his name is Jeff Diers.

- X. **Cooperators** none

- XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, April 28, 2011, 8:30 A.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

**XII. Meeting Adjourned**

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Heenan to adjourn at 2:25 P.M.

Debra A. Kelley  
Secretary

Fred Croscut  
Chairman