

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701**  
**District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting**  
**May 26, 2011**

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** 8:30 A.M.

A. Present:

Fred Croscut - Chairman	Jay Gould - Technician PT
Bruce Kidder - Treasurer	Debra Kelley - Secretary
Allen Peterson - Vice Chair	Rob Halbohm - NRCS
Shaun Heenan - Director	Derek Zerkowski - NRCS Intern

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

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Heenan to approve the minutes of the March meeting.

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

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

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

SEE ATTACHED

IV. **Correspondence:**

A. Thank you to Dave Wilson from Jan Bowman for Helping with the JCC Earth Fest 2010.

B. Thank you to Deb Kelley from Marty Carnahan of the Master Gardeners.

V. **Reports:**

A. **Other Agencies**

**USDA-NRCS** - Sheldon Hightower

**Federal Budget** has passed and we are looking at a decrease for our budget. Also we will be looking at our work load to determine our staffing levels and see what changes we will need to make there. We still have an Acting State Conservationist, but we expect Astor Boozer to be back in July.

**Asian Carp** - I would like to thank Rob for his help! We are working with the Army Corps of Engineers on aquatic passages. The reason for this is to try and prevent the Asian Carp and other invasive species from entering the Great Lakes via the Mississippi River Basin.

B. **Committees**

C. **District Conservationist** - Rob Halbohm

1. **Program Update**

A. **EQIP** - We are starting to get some pre-approvals, so far we have received one livestock waste, one cropland, one grazing program area and 4 Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) 3 of these are for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans and 1 for a Farm Stead Energy Audit. We also have 2 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Contracts. We will have more pre-approvals to come.

2. **Office Space** - There is a legal Notice in the Post Journal today (See Attached), the office space has been advertised again. If there is interest in renting to USDA they have until

3. **Student Intern** - Derek Zerkowski is the NRCS student intern he is from Cuba, NY and will be here for the summer.
4. **Conservation Plans** - we have 3 Conservation Plans, 1 for CRP, 1 For FSA and 1 for WRP. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson to approve the Plans.

D. **District Field Manager** -

1. **Envirothon** - This year we hosted 285 students & teachers at the Jamestown Audubon Society and we didn't get rained on. The HEWES BOCES Conservation Class took first and second place this year and Brocton took third place.
2. **Spring Work Load** - The list for hydro-seeding is growing, but the weather is holding us up. We have had a lot of calls for streambank erosion and lake erosion due to all of the rain we have had.
3. **2012 2% Project Applications** - we will be submitting 12 applications this year a lot of them are for streambank work.
4. **Conservation Field Days** - Dave is at the Lutheran Camp on Chautauqua Lake, this is his second day at the event. He got his picture on the front page of the Post Journal, which is good publicity for us.

E. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley

1. **Grass Carp Stocking** - is scheduled for May 27, I only have orders for 76 carp this year. This is way down from past year; we think this is due to hatchery that opened in Corry, PA.
2. **Other Fish Stocking** - I am getting ready to send out order forms for bass, perch, walleye, catfish, koi and minnows. The stocking date will be in July.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. **2011 2% Contracts** - Fred Croscut signed the contract for the 2011 projects, so now we can get started on them.

VII. **New Business**

- A. **District Budget** - The District has asked for our budget to be moved from Economic Development to the 2% bed Tax. It has passed the Legislature now the County Executive has to sign it.
- B. **Surplus Equipment** - **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Heenan to make the District Mud Sucker and the Gateway Lap Top Computer Surplus, to be sold or disposed of properly.

VIII. **RC&D**

- A. **Appointments to the RC&D Council** - The District have received a letter from the County Executive asking for a biography from Tom Ormond and Larry Brown. Rob has forwarded this request on to Larry & Tom.
- B. **County RC&D Meeting** - Early in May at the Audubon, there were a lot of questions regarding current projects. We are still waiting for additional guidance.

IX. **Water Quality**

X. **Cooperators** none

XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, June 23, 2011, 8:30 A.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

XII. **Meeting Adjourned**

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Kidder to adjourn at 10:20 A.M.

Debra A. Kelley  
Secretary

Fred Croscut  
Chairman