

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Frank W. Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY 14701**

**District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting**

**September 26, 2013**

**I. Meeting Called to Order: 8:40 A.M.**

**A. Present:**

Fred Croscut - Chairman

David Spann-District Field Manager

Bruce Kidder - Treasurer

Debra Kelley - Secretary

Allen Peterson - Vice-Chair

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

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

**III. Treasurer's Report:**

**MOTION** by Peterson 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: None**

**V. Reports:**

**A. Other Agencies - none**

**B. Committees**

1. **Conservation Farmer of the Year: MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson to accept the committee recommendations for Country Ayre Farms, LLC to be Conservation Farmer of the Year for 2012.

**C. District Conservationist - Rob Halbohm**

1. **Program Updates - See attached**

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

1. **Ag Non-Point Grants**

a. **Round 15 - Ted Card** is in full swing and we expect to finish soon. Derek has been on the farm checking their progress regularly.

**Country Ayre Farms** are having a problem with NRG to get the power that is needed to run the separator equipment, so we have setup a meeting with them for next week to see where they stand.

b. **Round 17 - Don Steward** has a list of things to address before we can sign off on it. Jack Jones is pouring the last of his cement to finish up his project.

c. **Round 18 -**

1. **Chautauqua Lake - Allen Peterson** Ray Miller is supposed to start around the end of the month and the contractor for the site work was out to look at it.

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2. **French Creek - Findley Lake Dairy** - is working on the

soil cover for the VTA. Ray Martin is doing a great job with this project and it is really looking good out there. The other three landowners, 4 Jacks Dairy, Scott Wallace & Norvel Willink, have not started anything yet.

d. **Round 19** - Dave Mobila has been working with NRCS on the EQIP portion of this contract. Chad Fred has received an extension on his EQIP until next construction season. Chad Scofield, we have had a couple of meetings with Chad to work on some of the details.

2. **2% Grants**

a. **Dewittville Creek** - We just finished up the stream project on the Country Ayre Farm. It involved a fish weir along with streambank stabilization. This will stabilize the bank to protect the bridge that they use to get to the farm.

b. **28 Mile Creek** - We will have this project completed by the end of October.

c. **Chautauqua Marina** - We hope to be done with this project by the end of the week; this is 750' of rock for shoreline stabilization.

3. **Ronny Reed** - Rob, Derek and I went out to Ronny's farm for meeting with him and his planner, Brad Schwab. We walked the farm and made some suggestions to modify the Farm Plan to better serve the farms need.

4. **Village of Brocton FEMA** - I have been working with FEMA and the Dept. of State for the disaster money. I provided a design for the stream by the trailer park and the Village was able to get some money to make the repairs. They have asked us to be the coordinator on this project.

5. **Report to Planning & Economic Development** - I am meeting with Bill Daily on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October to make my report on the District Projects and let him know what we have been working on.

E. **District Secretary** - Debra Kelley

1. **Trout Stocking** - I am have sent out order forms and have received 4 back already. The delivery date is set for October 11<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Training** - I would like to request permission to attend two trainings one for payroll updates and the other in a NYS Archives workshop. **MOTION** by Kidder seconded by Peterson for Deb to attend the trainings.

F. **District Field Technician**

1. **Update/Reports** - Derek is at the Conservation Skills Workshop in Cortland all this week for training.

2. **Training** - **MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Kidder for Derek to attend the NRCS Training at the Big Flats Plant Material Center and The Stormwater Management Conference in Ellicottville and reimburse him for his expenses.

- A. **Ag Day** - was on September 5, 2013 in Sinclairville at the Winton Farm. The committee felt that the attendance was down this year we had ordered 700 chickens, but only served 550. The District did have a table setup with information on AEM and who we are and what we do. We handed out quite a bite of information and feel it was worth our time to attend.
- B. **Joint Annual Meeting** - will be October 24, 2013 at the Falcons Nest in Falconer with Farm Bureau. Reservations are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- C. **Visit the Farm Day** - was held September 21, 2013 in Dewittville at the Country Ayre Farm. We had a rainy day, but a good turnout considering the weather, Cornell Coop-Ext's count was 550 people.
- D. **NYACD Annual Meeting/Administrative Managers Conference** - Registrations are due by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Fred will let Deb know if he can attend.
- E. **Building Committee** - The Committee met with Greg Edwards, Steve Abdella and Jim Caflisch to talk about the District's Pole Barn and the option to keep the rights to the barn. We need to get some drawings and measurements on the barn, so we can get a letter put together for our request. Maybe we can get this through the Legislature before the end of the year.

#### VII. New Business

- A. **New Web Site** - MOTION by Kidder seconded by Peterson to proceed with Richard Prince to design a new District Web Site.
- B. **Willard F Croney** - See Attached
- C. **Appointments To The Board** - MOTION by Kidder seconded by Peterson to write the letters for appointment to the board from Farm Bureau.

VIII. **RC&D** - The meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Slab City Organics was quite informational and helpful to Greg Rater.

IX. **Water Quality** - Next Meeting will be September 27.

X. **Cooperators** - none

XI. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, October 24, 2013, 8:30 A.M. at the Frank Bratt Ag Center, Jamestown, NY

#### XII. Meeting Adjourned

**MOTION** by Peterson seconded by Kidder to adjourn at 10:15 A.M.



Debra A. Kelley  
Secretary



Fred Croscut  
Chairman

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**Chautauqua County SWCD**  
**Transaction List by Vendor**  
 August 26 through September 30, 2013

Date	Num	Memo	Amount
<b>Bank of America</b>			
9/13/2013	On L...	4170 0801 0125 2813 7/13	-2,316.85
<b>Cattaraugus County Soil &amp; Water</b>			
9/27/2013		Inv.#160 - Grass Seed Mix	-450.00
<b>CITGO</b>			
8/26/2013	On L...	Fleet #133526061 - St#58...	-160.80
9/27/2013		Fleet #133526061 - St#39...	-362.17
<b>County Line Stone Co., Inc.</b>			
9/27/2013		Customer #1648.012, Inv.#...	-14,759.07
<b>Derek Zerkowski</b>			
9/27/2013		Reimb. for Training Expen...	-269.89
<b>Ed Shults Ford Lincoln Mercury</b>			
9/27/2013		Acct.#M220-34872, Ref.#...	-29.95
9/27/2013		Acct.#M220-34872, Ref.#...	-45.90
<b>EFTPS - Internet Transfer Federal Deposit</b>			
8/31/2013	On L...	16-0952573 Pay Period ...	-3,766.40
9/30/2013		16-0952573 Pay Period E...	-3,349.18
<b>ExxonMobil</b>			
8/28/2013	On L...	Acct# 7187 8592 3200 33...	-850.55
9/27/2013		Acct# 7187 8592 3200 33...	-559.02
<b>Findley Lake Dairy.</b>			
9/27/2013		Mining of top soil for VTA	-7,650.00
9/27/2013		TeamAg Inv.#12315,1514...	-4,658.44
<b>Greater Chautauqua Credit Union</b>			
9/6/2013	8107	Pay Period Ending 9/6/13	-325.00
9/20/2013	8109	Pay Period Ending 9/20/13	-325.00
<b>John Deere Credit</b>			
9/20/2013	On L...	Acct.#6003319401134273...	-1,730.40
9/30/2013		Acct.#6003319401134273...	-1,758.20
<b>NYACD, Inc.</b>			
9/27/2013		2013 Dues	-580.00
<b>NYS &amp; Local Employees Retirement Systems</b>			
8/28/2013	On L...	#50717Code10ERS Mont...	-124.68
9/30/2013		#50717Code10ERS Mont...	-76.80
<b>NYS Deferred Compensation Plan</b>			
9/6/2013	8108	11095 Pay Period Ending...	-297.07
9/20/2013	8110	11095 Pay Period Ending...	-297.07
<b>NYS Unemployment Insurance</b>			
9/25/2013	On L...	16-0952573 Pay Period E...	-748.07
<b>QuickBooks Payroll Service</b>			
9/5/2013		Created by Payroll Servic...	-3,788.80
9/19/2013		Created by Payroll Servic...	-4,308.35
<b>Quill Corporation</b>			
8/28/2013	8106	Acct#C957663 - Inv.#469...	-105.95
9/27/2013		Acct#C957663 - Inv.#527...	-69.99
<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation Society</b>			
9/27/2013		2013 Dues	-90.00
<b>Southern Tier Supply Co.</b>			
9/27/2013		Cust.#1000244 - Inv.#206...	-194.75
<b>Tri-James Service, Inc.</b>			
9/27/2013		Country Ayre - Dewittville ...	-462.00
<b>Univera Health Care</b>			

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9/27/2013		Inv.#3708307/Group ID 40...	-340.37
<b>Verizon Wireless</b>			
8/28/2013	On L...	Acct#942006129-00001, I...	-32.21
9/27/2013		Acct#942006129-00001, I...	-32.19



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## NRCS-NY Announces Application Cutoff Dates for NRCS Conservation Programs

*Jamestown, N. Y., September 20, 2013*— New York Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces **October 18, 2013** as the application cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) for Fiscal Year (FY)2014. Applications accepted after October 18, 2013 may be considered for funding if additional application rounds are announced or for potential consideration in FY2015. All applications are competitive and are ranked based on national, state and locally identified resource priorities and the overall benefit to the environment.

Although a new Farm Bill has yet to be approved, applicants may still apply for funding through the same programs offered through the 2008 Farm Bill. At the time of application, applicants must specify the resource concern(s) that they intend to address. Once further guidance on the 2013 Farm Bill is provided, NRCS will work with applicants to transfer applications to the appropriate conservation program.

"NRCS NY looks forward to helping farmers and rural landowners address priority resource concerns on their land," said Donald Pettit NRCS State Conservationist. "Each year NRCS offers a variety of programs which help landowners address a wide range of conservation needs in New York."

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):** offers financial assistance for practices which address soil erosion, water quality and habitat degradation. Practices implemented through EQIP include strip cropping, grassed waterways and manure storage facilities. Focus areas within the EQIP program include soil health, livestock waste, habitat, forestry and grazing.
- **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP):** helps participants restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat in grassland and shrubland areas.

If you are interested in applying for an NRCS conservation program please visit our web site for information on applying at:

[http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/general\\_information/how\\_to\\_apply.html](http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/general_information/how_to_apply.html).

You may apply by visiting your local NRCS field office, which can be located using the web site:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=NY>.

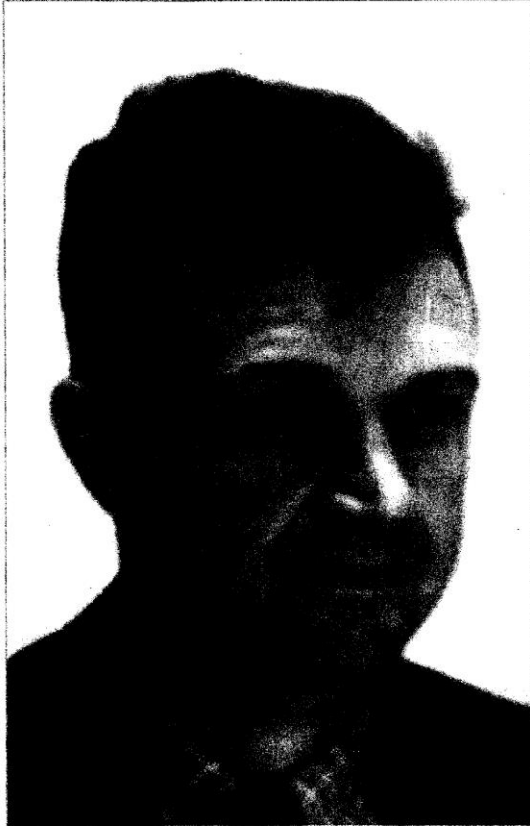
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# Willard Fox Croney, retired professor

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Willard Fox Croney

Willard Fox Croney died peacefully Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, at home surrounded by family in Rehoboth Beach. Croney was born in Newport in 1928. He was married to Eileen Wise Croney, also a Delawarean, for 64 years. They lived most of their married life in upstate New York.

Willard Croney was the last survivor of the John Wesley Croney Sr., family of Wilmington and Newport.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters: Linda C. Christopher of Groton, N.Y., and her daughters Katy and Brynn; Liesse C. Pollio of Hockessin, and her husband Gary and children Laura and Robbie; and Lori C. Poerio of Arnold, Md., and her husband Mark and children Nate, Sonia, Alissa,

and Julia.

Croney served in Egypt, North Africa and Italy in the U.S. Army 1942-45. He was educated in both the United States and Europe with degrees from the University of Delaware and Cornell University, and as a British research fellow at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Croney was active in soil and water conservation for 40 years, most of it as a faculty member in extension of the College of Agriculture, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Upon the retirement of his long time colleague and friend, Professor Harry A. Kerr of Cornell, Croney was appointed executive director of the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee by the dean of the College of Agriculture at Cornell. His function was to guide county soil and water conservation districts of New York.

Croney developed many techniques for using stereoscopic aerial photography and later satellite imagery to determine aspects of the natural sciences for planning land use and for agriculture.

Croney retired in 1983, and upon his retirement the employees of the New York Soil and Water Conservation Districts established the Willard F. Croney Distinguished Conservation Award to be given annually to the outstanding conservation district employee in the state.

A committal service with military honors will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 13, at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE 19701.