

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
220 Fluvanna Ave, Suite 600, Jamestown, NY 14701
District Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
June 24, 2015

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

A. Present:

Fred Croscut - Chairman	Dave Spann - Field Manager
Allen Peterson - Vice Chair	Debra Kelley- Secretary/Asst.Treas.
Bruce Kidder - Treasurer	Dave McCoy - Watershed Coordinator
Frank Gould, III - Director	Jason Firster - NRCS, Resource Con.
Victor DiGiacomo - NYSSWCC	Erin Brickley - Watershed Alliance
Rob Halbohm - WQ Technician	Cassie Pinkoski - District Tech

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

MOTION by Kidder seconded by Gould to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report:

MOTION by Gould seconded by Peterson to accept the Treasurer's report and pay current bills.

A. The following bills were approved for payment:

SEE ATTACHED

IV. Correspondence:

A. Thank you to Cassie Pinkoski from New York State Envirothon Committee for volunteering to help at the State Envirothon.

V. Reports:

A. Other Agencies

1. **NYS Soil & Water Committee**- Victor DiGiacomo - See Attached
2. **Chautauqua County Planning Dept.**

Dave McCoy, We have been working with the Town of Hanover and the City of Dunkirk with their dredging for their harbors and the City of Dunkirk for their Sea Wall. The 2% Committee has been reviewing the 19 applications that we received this year. We have about \$230,000 available to fund these projects. We have also been working with our partners, Chautauqua County SWCD on several WQIP Grant Applications.

Erin Brickley, On June 18th the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Alliance had their first board meeting with representatives from our Founding Members in attendance and I presented a list of founding members, See Attached. The deadline for membership is July 1st. The CLMC had some unexpended funds, from that \$225,000 was held back for Alliance Member Local Matching funds.

B. Committees - none

C. District Conservationist - Jason Firster

1. Program Updates

- a. **CSP** - we have 1 application, but it didn't rank high enough to get funding.

- b. **EQIP** - we have been directed to increase our implementation by 5% this year or it could affect future funding, so installation and implementation has been our main focus.
- c. **WRE** - Wetland Reserve Easement, we have had a lot of interest in this program.
- d. **Goose Creek, Carlson** - We had a walk through with Jim Rupert the NRCS Engineer and the Army Corp of Engineers. Our first attempt at a design was not accepted by the Army Corp, but I think this was a very productive meeting and we can make some changes so it will be acceptable to them this time.

D. **District Field Manager**

- 1. **Summer Work Load** - We have been waiting for permitting and funding, but now we have both and are going to be very busy. I have talked to County Line Stone to make sure we are going to get the quality of stone we need.
- 2. **Ag Grants**
 - a. **Round 18**
 - 1. **Chautauqua Lake** - We are getting ready to get quotes for storage building.
 - 2. **French Creek - Four Jacks Dairy** I have not heard anything from them. **Scott Wallace** has started, but the weather is not cooperating all it wants to do is rain.
 - b. **Round 19** - **Chad Schofield** is getting close to finding a location for his chemical mixing station.
 - c. **Round 20**
 - 1. **Ron Reed**, he still wants to do this, so he will pursue other funding opportunities.
 - 2. **Country Ayre**, Bunk Silo, they are still waiting for funding from FSA.
- 3. **Hops Conference** - the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program is holding a Hops Conference on Thursday. Rob and I have been asked to do a presentation on soils and pond building.
- 4. **Watershed Dams** - We have been working with Cattaraugus County and the Cherry Creek Dam #3. The spillway has been compromised because the beavers have plugged the tube on the spillway. We are working on getting that debris removed from the spillway

E. **District Water Quality Technician** - Rob Halbohm

- 1. **Chautauqua Lake Farm Inventory** - I have finished a complete inventory of all of the farms in the Chautauqua Lake Watershed, See Attached. In my version of the inventory, I have the names and GPS coordinates of all of farms as well as their priority status. I think this will be a good tool for AEM moving forward. Also I have been working with Mud Creek Dairy to develop a Nutrient Management Plan. This will also work towards completing a plan for me to become a Certified Planner. I hope to have this done by the end of the summer for Greg Albrecht to review.

2. **Job Approval Authority** - Dave, Vic and I are working on getting my JAA transferred from NRCS to District, or as much of it as they will accept.

F. **District Field Technician** - Cassie Pinkoski

1. **2% Applications** - I have been working on the 2% applications and have submitted 15 of the 19 that were submitted.
2. **WQIP Applications** - I have also been working on a total of 7 Water Quality Incentive Program Applications for Bemus, Prendergast, Goose and Walnut Creeks. I am also working on one for Hydro Seeding and I am assisting the Alliance with 2 applications for Dutch Hollow Creek.
3. **Soil Health Grant** - Dave and I worked on a grant through this funding source to purchase a new no-till seeder and a set of troopers scales
4. **Great Lakes Experience** - Ashley and I attended and we took the Enviro-Scape with us for a display. There was a good turn out that day.

G. **District Secretary** - Deb Kelley

1. **Fish Stocking** - We have completed our fish program for the spring. We sold 109 Grass Carp, 450 Bass, 325 Catfish, 23 Koi and 430 Perch.
3. **Operations Subcommittee** - We had our first meeting and developed a table of contents for the manual. We will be reviewing this through email and hopefully finalize it at our next meeting on July 8th.
4. **AEM Year 10 Closeout** - I have also been working on this closeout, I think it is done and I have asked Vic to do a quick check today before he leaves.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. **Farmer Neighbor Dinner** - Cassie submitted a 3% application to help offset the cost of starting up this new program.
- B. **NYACD Division 1 Directors' Meeting** - Jay, Dave and Cassie are going to attend this meeting
- C. **Slab City Organics** - We feel that we have put our best foot forward in an attempt to work with Greg and now it is up to him.

VII. **New Business**

- A. **Managers Meeting** - is scheduled for June 11 at 10:00 to be held Batavia at the Farm Credit Office.
- B. **NYACD Annual Meeting** - has been scheduled for October more info to follow.

- VIII. **RC&D** - Our next meeting is scheduled for September. NRCS has been working on the design for Clear Creek and Cassie has been working on getting the permits for this project.

IX. **Water Quality**

- A. The TMDL Report for the legislature is done and we will be writing a letter of support for the septic inspections.

X. **Cooperators** none

XI. **Next Meeting** - Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 8:30 A.M. at the Northcrest Business Center, 220 Fluvanna Ave, Suite 600, Jamestown, NY

XII. **Meeting Adjourned**

MOTION by Gould seconded by Kidder to adjourn at 10:00 A.M.



Debra A. Kelley
Secretary



Fred Croscut
Chairman

06/24/15

Chautauqua County SWCD
Transaction List by Vendor
 June 2015

Date	Num	Memo	Amount
Bank of America			
06/10/2015	On L...	4170 0801 0125 2813 05/15	-819.38
Bentley Seeds, Inc.			
06/25/2015		Acct. #01-C044, Inv.#1510...	-383.65
Cassandra Pinkoski			
06/26/2015		Health Insurance First 1/2 ...	-500.00
Chautauqua Lake Association, inc.			
06/15/2015	8508	Annual Meeting Dinner Re...	-40.00
David A.Spann			
06/26/2015		Health Insurance First 1/2 ...	-500.00
DFT Communications			
06/03/2015	8505	Acct.#500368	-135.00
06/22/2015	On L...	Acct.#500368	-179.95
Ed Shults Ford Lincoln Mercury			
06/25/2015		Cust.#115821 - Inv.#JFCS...	-895.13
EFTPS - Internet Transfer Federal Deposit			
06/12/2015		16-0952573 - Pay Period ...	-7,125.14
ExxonMobil			
06/25/2015		Acct# 7187 8592 3200 332...	-255.99
Greater Chautauqua Credit Union			
06/12/2015	8506	Pay Period Ending 6/12/15	-325.00
Hilltop Hatcheries			
06/12/2015	8507	2015 Spring Fish	-1,480.95
Independent Health			
06/25/2015	To P...	Acct.#32824, Inv.#	-1,382.34
Jamestown Cycle Shop			
06/25/2015		Inv.#P1100-00 - AEM Jac...	-45.00
John Deere Credit			
06/22/2015	On L...	Acct.#6003319401134273,...	-6,998.00
Key Bank			
06/10/2015	On L...	Key Mastercard Payment	-3,096.40
06/25/2015		Key Mastercard Payment	-955.45
NYS Deferred Compensation Plan			
06/12/2015	On L...	11095 Pay Period Ending ...	-284.32
NYS Unemployment Insurance			
06/16/2015	On L...	16-0952573 - Pay Period ...	-766.25
OfficeMax Credit Plan			
06/05/2015	Pay ...	Microsoft Office - New Lap...	-139.99
Precision Scale & Balance			
06/25/2015		Inv.#163288 - Quote on Sc...	-157.00
QuickBooks Payroll Service			
06/11/2015		Created by Payroll Service...	-5,951.60
Schlabach's Nursery			
06/25/2015		Balance Due	-112.50
Southern Tier Supply Co.			
06/25/2015		Cust.#1000244 - Inv.#224...	-8,712.00
United Refining Company of Pennsylvania			
06/22/2015	On L...	64528143	-718.31
Verizon Wireless			
06/25/2015		Acct#942006129-00001, I...	-34.70
Zuma Office Supply			
06/25/2015		Inv.#67187	-88.01

New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee
Region 1 Report – June 2015
Submitted by Victor DiGiacomo, Associate Environmental Analyst

Manager's Meeting – will be on **June 11th** in Batavia, NY, please see the attached agenda.

2015 AEM Award Call for Nominations – Please consider nominating an exemplary farm in your county. Nomination forms were sent by email and is available on the SharePoint site. **Nominations are Due June 10th.**

Water Quality Data Solicitation for 303(d) list – DEC Division of Water is updating NY's List of Impaired/TMDL Waters, according to the Clean Water Act's 303(d) requirements and is soliciting water quality data. Information can be submitted now thru **September 30th** for more information http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20150527_not0.html

NYS Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program - Interim reports on all open contracts should have been submitted to the State Committee by 5/1. Please submit if you haven't already.

AEM Base Program – The information on close-out of AEM Year 10 (2014-2015) Program was sent out. Again this year, Districts will be able to self-certify and must be completed and submitted to Albany by **July 7, 2015**. The required information and forms were sent to you via email and are available on the SharePoint site. Submit by uploading your report forms to SharePoint or send by email.

Upcoming Events:

Soil Health 2015 Train-the-Trainer Workshop - August 5-7 2015, Cornell University, Ithaca NY <http://www.cvent.com/d/rrq1ts>

Funding Opportunities:

Soil Health Mini-Grant – Funding is available for projects that foster the adoption of soil health practices at the local level. Applications must be submitted through the Grants Gateway by **June 15th**.
https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=3

NYS Consolidated Funding Application & Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Grant – Consolidated Funding Application is open - **WQIP** Round 12 funding is available through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). WQIP funds projects that reduce polluted runoff, improve water quality and restore habitat in New York's waterbodies. Grants awarded through the WQIP program can fund up to 85% of the total project cost for Wastewater Treatment Improvement projects or up to 75% of the total project cost for Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control, Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). Due July 31st.
https://www.grantsgateway.ny.gov/intelligrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=4&ngoid=5000311

Regional Conservation Partnership Program 2016 – USDA is now accepting pre-proposals for RCPP. Pre-proposals are due July 8, 2015. For more information on applying, visit, <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/>

Annual Plan of Work Due Nov 1st To Vic

Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance**Confirmed as Founding Members as of 6/23/15**

Village of Bemus Point

Village of Celoron

Village of Lakewood

Village of Mayville

Town of Busti

Town of Chautauqua

Town of Ellery

Town of Ellicott

Town of North Harmony

Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy

Chautauqua Lake Association

Chautauqua Lake Partnership

Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Jamestown Audubon Society

Chautauqua Lake Fishing Association

Arnold Holmberg Foundation

The Lenna Foundation

NYS OPRHP – Allegany Region

Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District

Chautauqua Utility District (Institution)

North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District

South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District

Chautauqua - Cattaraugus Board of Realtors

Mayville - Chautauqua Community Chamber of Commerce

Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

Extremely likely to join, not official yet:

Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau

Chautauqua Property Owners Association (Institution)

Chautauqua County Government

Chautauqua Institution

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE WATERSHED AGRICULTURAL INVENTORY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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