

Saratoga County Soil & Water Conservation District
50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Minutes of Regular Meeting 04/17/2024

In Attendance:

District Directors:

Victoria Garlanda – At Large
Jennifer Koval - At Large Farmer
Janet Bartow – Grange
Jennifer Koval - At Large Farmer
Kevin Veitch - -- Legislator

District Staff:

Lewis, Dustin – District Manager
Bemis, Kaitlyn – Office Manager

Regrets: Jay Matthews – At Large Farmer, Steven Ropitzky –Chairman

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm by Vice Chairman Bartow, Steven Ropitzky –Chairman

1. **Minutes of March 2024 Meeting:** Motion to approve by Veitch, seconded by Koval, carried unanimously.
2. **March 2024 Financial Reports:**
 - a. **Income Report, Expense Report, Budget vs Actual Report and Vouchers** - Motion to approve made by Garlanda, seconded by Veitch, carried unanimously.
3. **Field Report: (Attachment A)**
4. **Cooperating Agency Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS:** No Report.
 - b. **FSA:** Emailed Report was distributed.
 - c. **RC&D:** No Report
 - d. **NYSSWCC:** Emailed Report was distributed.
 - e. **NYACD:** Lewis reported about a grant involving cover crops.
 - f. **CCE:** Lewis reported CCE is hosting their 4H shooting sports banquet soon and continuing to work on the farm showcase happening in June with Saratoga Plan.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Water Quality Coordinating Committee:** Lewis reported on the recent meeting. Continued attention on the issue with the Ballston Lake outlet was discussed, the committee is requesting to purchase equipment for the project. **Motion** to approve the purchase of a flow meter for a project up to \$400.00 made by Veitch, seconded by Garlanda, carried unanimously.
 - b. **Grants:** Lewis reported on the following
 - i. Agricultural Environmental Management – Lewis reported that all contracts have been signed except for one.
 - ii. Septic – Lewis reported the county approved a payment to manage a new round of grants in the expanded area, there will be a contract submitted once DEC follows up.
 - iii. Roadside Erosion – No Report.
 - c. **T&S 2024:** Lewis reports, distribution day is on 4/19/24. Volunteers are welcome.
 - d. **Envirothon 2024:** Lewis reported Envirothon is being held on Wednesday, May 1st, 2024. In Spa State Park.
 - e. **Tire Collection:** Flyers are being distributed; collection day is May 21st behind Wilton Highway Department.
 - f. **Fish Stocking 2024:** Sales are going well, pick up day is May 2nd.
 - g. **Pollinator Program:** Program is going well; residents are being contacted to set up site visits.
 - h. **Building/Part C Budget Line:** Lewis reported that the permit was received, materials will be delivered soon. **Motion** to transfer \$95,000.00 from fund balance to Part C Budget Line made by Veitch, Seconded Koval, carried unanimously.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Fair 2024:** Lewis reported about plans for the county fair booth and the soil health display. **Motion** for a \$500 budget for the fair supplies made by Koval, Seconded Garlanda carried unanimously.
7. **Other Business:** None
8. **Correspondence:** No Correspondence.
9. **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 3:00pm. Meeting adjourned by Vice Chairman at 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Kaitlyn H.J. Bemis, Secretary

Janet Bartow – Vice Chairman

ATTACHMENT A:

April 2024 Field Report

- AEM-round 18 projects County wide
 - AEM-No-till preparation
 - Private 4-hour training
 - 5 Pollinator site visits (Northumberland, Wilton)
 - Beaver damage site visit (Milton)
 - Residential drainage issue (Malta)
 - Culvert installation training Spa State Park (Saratoga Springs)
 - Attended Re-Leaf Meeting (Ballston Spa)
 - Met with engineer to review AEM projects.
 - Pond site visit (Charlton)
 - Tree and shrub sale preparation
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