



**MADISON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 21, 2023, 11am
Regular Board Meeting**

Present: Ric Barnes - Chairman
Allen Hough - Vice Chairman
Charlie Pace - Non-farming public Representative
TJ Stokes – County Legislator
Amy Hayduke - District Clerk/Treasurer
Jim Cunningham – County Legislator, arrived at 11:15

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 11:06 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were emailed to the board in advance for review. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Charlie to approve the November 2023 minutes, with the correction of the meeting time to 12:00 pm. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the November 2023 report was made by Charlie and seconded by TJ. Motion carried.
Bills to Be Paid - A motion made by Allen, seconded by TJ to approve payment of outstanding bills and the addition of a bill from Steel Sales in the amount of \$880.

4. Manager's Report – Steve Lorraine not present, no report

USC Newsletter and Country Folks newspapers were passed around that included our projects and employees.

5. FSA - No report, no-one present.

6. NRCS – No report, no-one present.

7. CCE

- Mary Sheehan and Larkin Podsjedlik discussed the various projects and programs that they have in the works. The the CCE report for December was handed out.

8. Committee Reports

- SWCC - December 2023 report from Scott Fickbohm was included in the member packets.
- County – Jim reported that the county budget has been approved. Capping sales tax in the county is being discussed. The landfill deal has been stopped. There will be a new chairman in January.

9. NYACD

- Emails from Blanche Hurlbutt have been forwarded as they arrive
- NACD Climate-Smart Commodities grant program – Motion to table by TJ, seconded by Allen. Motion carried.
- 2024 NYACD Legislative Days information was provided in the member packets.

10. CDEA

National 2024 Invoice – Motion to table by TJ, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

11. Old Business

- Envirothon Invoice was discussed. Motion to table by Charlie, Seconded by TJ. Motion carried.
- Employee Handbook review. Motion to table by Allen, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

12. New Business

- 2023 SWCD Appreciation Luncheon was discussed. We received 100 rsvp's, which is the most that we have ever hosted. The amount of the tip for the caterer was discussed.
- Review of district policies: The Juneteenth holiday was discussed. The county and state have the day off. It was tabled for a later meeting. Motion by Jim, seconded by TJ. Motion carried.
A motion was made to approve a floating holiday in lieu of Juneteenth. Motion by Jim, seconded by Allen. Motion carried.
- NBT Bank Collateral Account & Third-Party Custodian Agreement. The collateral account would use eligible securities as collateral as pledged to secure deposits that exceed FDIC coverage. A resolution was made to amend the Financial Policy and allow Amy to sign the Third-Party Custodian Agreement with NBT Bank. The motion was made by Allen, seconded by Jim. Motion carried. All members signed the required form for the bank that appoints Amy as signer on the account.

13. Next Meeting

January 18, 2024, at noon.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ric, seconded by Jim. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.



Amy Hayduke, District Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 12/21/23