

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Tuesday November 16th, 2010

Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

Directors:

Ray Susice, Daniel Crippen
David Dunn, Thomas Derouchie
Bill Wood

Staff:

Chastity Miller
Jane Robinson
Tricia Decosse

Other Agencies:

Anne Marie Ziros, NRCS
Bob Brower, SWCC

- 1.) DM Chastity Miller called meeting to order at 10:05am
- 2.) Minutes of September meeting approved 1st Bill Wood, 2nd Dan Crippen. No quorum for October meeting
- 3.) **Financial Reports:**
 - a.) Financial Reports approved 1st R. Susice, 2nd T. Derouchie; carried
 - a.) Financial Reports & Abstract 10-10 & 11-10 voucher # 228 -280 were reviewed and approved 1st D. Crippen 2nd R. Susice (App.A)
- 6.) New Business:
 - Chastity presented resolution No 17-1 Round 17 Ag NPS Grant. Granting the District Manager, Chastity Miller the authority to apply for and administer this grant in the best interest of the District and the public. Motion to approved resolution 17-1 made 1st R. Susice, 2nd D. Crippen, Bill Wood abstained; motion carried.
 - The WQCC has been notified that it will receive a Round 10 Non-Ag NPS grant. The amount of the award is \$4,200.00 and is to be used to further the work of the Franklin Co. Water Quality Coordinating Committee Strategy.
 - A brief discussion on payments for those who applied for reimbursement under the Cover Crop program. Approval to make payment was tabled until the next meeting so that staff would have time to verify the plantings.
 - Village of Saranac Lake will be installing drywells as part of the ongoing CWCICNY funded project. Bids for the drywells have been received the low bidder was Jefferson Concrete Corp. Motion to approve purchase of drywells made 1st B. Wood, 2nd D. Crippen; carried
 - Aid to Localities funds were used to hire the Adirondack Watershed Institute to do a study of storm drains in the Village of Saranac Lake. It determined that there were high levels of phosphorus in the system that eventually makes it into Lake Flower and the Saranac River.
 - There was a review of the District performance measures for the State Committee. All is good except one Director needs to attend an area or state sponsored meeting.
 - Budget cuts continue to be a main focus at the County level. It is expected the District will lose more of appropriations in the 2011 year. Chastity will be making a presentation to the County Legislature next week to try to make this cut as small as possible.
- 7.) Correspondences:
 - RC & D monthly review of activities. Work is concluding on the Farm Viability Grant for this year.
- 8.) Staff Reports:

Chastity's

 - Chastity presented a written report of her activities since October (App. B) report approved 1st B. Wood, 2nd R. Susice

Tricia's

 - Working on round 17 Ag NPS grant
 - AEM – GIS map of farms in the program was completed
 - Completed AEM timesheet report to state committee
 - Getting ready to finish up Farm Viability Grant work for RC&D
 - Will be attending an RC&D meeting and a Division Meeting
 - Ag NPS Grant due Dec 6.
 - Attended Division meeting with Chastity

Jane's

 - Since September meeting I have completed the SARA Grant with the assistance of Alden Stevens
 - Usual Office work, Alden has been paid for his work.
 - Planning on attending another training for archiving and digitizing our historical photographs.
 - Set up new accounts for our funds that were being held in CD's.
 - Upcoming Tree Sale 2011 and LGRMIF grant seminar in Canton.

NRCS Report:

- Anne Marie is filling in as DC until a replacement for Kent is appointed. She and Joe will be taking turns serving the District.
- NRCS is accepting 2011 WHIP sign up now
- Not sure when the date will come out for EQIP
- Payments on a CSP will be made by the end of the year
- Collecting and evaluating working group data collected.

9.) Director and District Staff Training was presented by C. Miller "District Director Responsibilities" for those in attendance. Directors not in attendance will be meeting with Chastity on an individual basis for training before the end of the year.

Next meeting will be on December 21 at 9am at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 1st D. Crippen, 2nd R. Susice

Respectfully,

Jane Robinson/ Chastity Miller
Secretary/ District Manager