



Zoom – Teleconference
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Sam Casella, Pres. Rob Carpenter, 1st V. Pres.
Tom Ryan, Secretary, Treas. Ernie Swift, Div. IV
Maureen Leupold, Div. II Bruce Dolph, Member @ Lg
Scott Ryan, 2nd V. Pres. Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr.
James Brick, Div. I

Absent:

Dan Farrand, Past Pres.
Frank Thomas, Div. V

Guests/Partners: Partners Present: None present. **Absent:** Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservationist (by Zoom) Dustin Lewis, NYSCDEA, Saratoga Co. Dist. Mgr., Brian Stienmuller, Ag. & Mkt **Guests Present:** Vincent Tamagna, District Manager Putnam County SWCD.

- I. **Call to Order:** Sam Casella, Pres. Called the meeting to order 7:06 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr. gave roll called.
- III. **Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes:**
 - A motion by Tom Ryan second by Maureen Leupold approve November minutes as written. Carried. **#1/26/2022 = A**
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Motion by Bruce Dolph second by Scott Ryan to approve November treasurer's report as presented. Carried **#1/26/2022 = B**
 - Motion by Ernie Swift second by Jim Brick to approve December treasurer's report as presented. Carried **#1/26/2022 = C**
 - Motion by Bruce Dolph second by Maureen Leupold to approve the December bills as presented. Carried. **#1/26/2022 = D**

Tom Ryan reviewed the expenses and financial reports provided to the board in advance of the meeting. Sam expressed his appreciation for Velynda Parker's hard work on maintaining the books. Blanche explained an issue that happened with one of her payroll check and all of Velynda's help sorting it out.

V. Partners Reports:

NYACDEA' Report: Dustin Lewis, CDEA President was unable to attend, and no report was provided.

NRCS Report: Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation was unable to attend, and no report was provided.

State Committee Report: Brian Stienmuller, Ass't. Director NYS Ag & Mkts was unable to attend, and no report was provided.

Board Report:

President: Sam Casella reported that he will be traveling to the NACD Annual meetings in Orlando, Florida in February.

Sam reported that he has not received word on the annual Fly-In.

Sam reported that Caitlin Stewart created a survey for districts regarding the retention and retaining of employees. This will be discussed further at the 4-Way Partners meeting.

Sam reported that Ontario SWCD is doing a directors training session on holding executive sessions. If other districts want to know more about this training Sam will let them know more about it.

Executive Director:

Legislative Days will be Tuesday, March 1, 2022, through Thursday, March 3, 2022, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, and Friday, March 11, 2022, with meetings beginning at 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day.

Appointments have been scheduled over five days beginning on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – Thursday, March 3, 2022, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, and March 11, 2022. These are Zoom meetings with Legislators so far. The appointments are set-up for ½ sessions, so everyone attending must be on time. KEEP in mind that the days and times are subject to change due to the Legislators schedule or you may be meeting with a staff member.

If you forgot to complete the request form, I mailed out a couple months ago and you would like to be a part of Legislative Days, please reach out to me by phone (607) 965-6316 or email blanche_13335@yahoo.com. I do need to hear from you and your district to know if you have, a Legislator you would like to meet with. Also, if you see your Legislator has scheduled an appointment and you would like to sit in on the Zoom session let me know. I will need to forward you the Zoom link so you can be on the meeting session.

Stream C Bill: I have been following the Stream C Senate #S4162 bill and Assembly Stream C bill #A6652 as of January 5, 2022. The Assembly stream bill A 6652 has gone to its third reading & the Senate stream bill S 4162 has been Referred to Environmental Conservation.

2022 Annual Meeting: The NYACD Annual meeting prep work has begun. I will be searching for potential sessions and instructors starting in March. As you are aware the date and location have been determined for 2022. The dates for this annual meeting & training session will be on Tuesday, October 18 – Thursday, October 20, 2022, and will held at the Hampton Inn, 25 Lakers Lane, Cazenovia, NY. If you have a special training session, you would like to have during this annual meeting please let me know & I will work to make it happen.

NYACD Website: The NYACD website is updated on a regular basis, and I have been adding open job positions as I receive them.

NYS Envirothon Updates: The 2022 NYS Envirothon will be hosting a face-to-face meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY at 11:00 am. This year we will be incorporating the use of laptops for the oral presentation. The committee is working on rules and regulations as it relates to the oral presentation changes.

2024 NCF-Envirothon NY: The 2024 NCF-Envirothon committee needs folks to file the chair positions for Volunteer Coordinator and Activities Coordinator. NCF-Envirothon Board selected Hobart & William Smith Colleges to be the location for the 2024 NY event. The committee is now able to move forward on selecting the testing/training sites, activities for the Advisors, guests, and students, determine a possible fun day site, airport, and transportation.

Director & Representatives –

- a. **Division I:** Jim Brick reported they held their Division I meeting for employees by Zoom. Jim stated the meeting was not well attended. Jim reported that Wyoming SWCD didn't hold a January meeting. Wyoming SWCD Technician received a hydro seeding grant. This grant allows them to work with the highway department after they have dug ditches.
- b. **Division II:** Maureen Leupold had nothing to report at this time.
- c. **Division III:** No representative, no report.
- d. **Division IV:** Ernie Swift reported on what Steuben is working on state. Steuben is working on finding an AEM Specialist. They have a few resumes and interviews to be conducted.
- e. **Division V:** Frank Thomas was unable to attend, and no report provided.
- f. **Division VI:** No representative, no report.
- g. **Division VII:** No representative, no report.
- h. **Division VIII:** Rob reported his district

Committee Reports:

- i. **Education & Envirothon:** Ernie reported next Envirothon meeting will be a face-to-face meeting at Hobart & William Smith Colleges on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 11:00 p.m. with Zoom available.

VI. **Old Business:** Nothing to discuss at this time.

VII. **New Business:** Nothing to discuss at this time.

VIII. Adjournment:

- A motion made by Maureen Leupold and second by Ernie Swift to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
#1/26/2022 = E

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Blanche L. Hurlbutt

NYACD Executive Director February 2, 2022

November Motions Meeting:

#1/26/2022 = A Approval November Minutes

#1/26/2022 = B Approval November Finances

#1/26/2022 = C Approval December Finances

#1/26/2022 = D Approval Bill December payment

#1/26/2022 = E Approval Adjourn