



Zoom – Teleconference
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Dan Farrand, Past Pres.
Frank Thomas, Div. V
Maureen Leupold, Div. II

Guests/Partners: **Partners Present:** Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation, Brian Stienmuller, Ass't Dir Ag. & Mkts. **Absent:** Dustin Lewis, NYSCDEA, Saratoga Co. Dist. Mgr. **Guests Present:** None

I. **Call to Order:** Sam Casella, Pres. Called the meeting to order 7:04 p.m.

II. **Roll Call:** Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr. gave roll called.

III. **Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes:**

- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Rob Carpenter to approve June minutes as written. Carried.
#8/9/2022 = A

IV. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Jim Brick to approve the June treasurer's report as provided. Carried. **#8/9/2022 = B**
- A motion by Jim Brick second by Tom Ryan to approve the July treasurer's report as provided. Carried. **#8/9/2022 = C**
- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Tom Ryan to approve the June bills as presented. Carried. **#8/9/2022 = D**
- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Tom Ryan to approve the July bills as presented. Carried. **#8/9/2022 = E**

Ernie Swift went over the financial reports for June & July providing the Board with the availability of funds and expenses in the bank and money market. Ernie reviewed the Bills to be Paid for June & July. Ernie reminded Sam that before a reimbursement could be made to him, Sam would need to provide receipts. Sam is completing this process for reimbursement.

Blanche reported that the \$1,000 received from NACD was done to reporting requirements on technical information in NY, which made us eligible for these funds.

- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Jim Brick to make the per diem rate for reimbursement for daily meals to fifty dollars (\$50.00) a day for anyone traveling on behalf of NYACD.
- *Amendment to the motion to include* anyone traveling on behalf of NYACD has the option of using the fifty dollars (\$50.00) per diem for meals or submitting their receipts for reimbursement. Carried. **#8/9/2022 = F**

A discussion took place on what the best per diem rate per day for meals would be fair for NYACD folks traveling on behalf of the NYACD.

V. Partners Reports:

NYACDEA' Report: Dustin Lewis, CDEA President was unable to attend due to a conflict. No report was provided.

NRCS Report: Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation reported on the new Inflation Reduction Act that is moving through congress will impacting NRCS in an effective way for producers. If signed by the President there will be additional funding for traditional programs such as EQIP, CSP, and RCPP. The US Senate passed this bill and Congress is expected to vote on Friday, August 12th.

Blake touched on the Farm Bill as well, which is not completed at this time.

Blake reported on two hirings. NRCS New York has hired a new state soil scientist, Dan Ufnar. Dan will be working out of the Syracuse office. Dan comes from Michigan NRCS and is in his second week with NY-NRCS. NRCS New York also hired Christopher Deets, as the Public Affairs Specialist. Chris will be starting with NRCS on August 28, 2022.

State Committee Report: Brian Stienmuller, Ass't. Director NYS Ag & Mkts reported on funding and climate work to be done and provided with Inflation Reduction act.

Brian reported on the sessions Commissioner Ball has been traveling across the state sharing with folks. Next session is in Syracuse on Thursday. All these sessions are being recorded for those that are unable to attend.

Brain reported on the reorganizing of the Land & Water Resources state committee. The staff have had a great load of work, programing, and responsibility. Brain has assumed the duties of the day-to-day workload of an Executive Director, which makes him unable to work as the Assistant Director. They are in the process of hiring a state stand-alone Executive Director for the State Soil & Water Committee. The request for a stand-alone State Executive Director will be out shortly for a potential hire.

SWCC had an Executive session and once again Dale Stein, was voted in as Chair and Darin Hickling, Otsego Co. has been voted in as Vice Chair. Dave Brass is still on the committee but is working with Grange for potential replacement.

Brian reported on upcoming grants for non-Point Round 28 and CRF that were approved with the awards being released next few weeks. Brian discussed the State Bond Act and the voting taking place this fall.

Brian reported there will be no SWCC meeting in August. The next SWCC meeting will be held September 20th. This will be the first face-to-face meeting in since Covid. There will be a project tour in the capital region held during this meeting.

Brain reported that they are working with Commission Ball regarding the climate act protection act. They are reviewing the comments.

Board Report:

President: Sam Casella reported the NACD summer meeting went really well. They had exceptionally good discussions, meetings, and site visits.

Sam reported that he will be traveling to Maryland for the NE NACD annual meeting at the end of August.

Sam reported on NACD is creating an Executive Director group, which will be voted on in the winter meeting. Sam stated that Blanche still does this, but that NACD wants to make a formal group for the states that have Executive Directors.

Executive Director:

NYACD Division Reps: Blanche is working on encouraging Divisions without an NYACD Rep to step-up and select a representative before NYACD annual meeting in October. We still need to have a rep from the division III, IV, VII, and VII.

2022 Annual Meeting: Blanche reported that the registration packets have been mailed and most should have received the packets by now. Blanche reported that you can also register online at www.nyacd.org right on the home page. The online registration link is on the home page of NYACD. Waiting on Sam to provide his letter for the program then that will be off to the printer.

Monthly Director Letter: The July Director letter was completed and mailed last week.

Legislative Bill: The Stream C bills has not arrived on the Governor's desk as of this meeting. Will continue to monitor this bill. Once I hear anything I will let everyone know.

2024 NCF-Envirothon: The committee held a meeting on August 3rd, and we are working in every area needed. We were able to fill the Volunteer position, which is a great relief. Funding is major concern, but we are working and searching for potential funders.

When traveling to the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio event we met with the NCF-Envirothon committee. We discussed and made a request for an increase in the team registration fee. They did agree to increase it to \$2,000, but that barely covers our cost for the rooms per team. This makes it where NY

will need to raise enough money to cover the rest of the room cost and meals. Additional cost to NY will be \$84,000 for fifty (50) teams.

Blanche reported that the NCF-Envirothon Ohio oral presentation problem was not on the current issue, which was the first time she had ever attended an event at this level that did something different.

NY will have their oral presentations problem on the current issue they select.

NY took forth place overall and first in forestry. We are immensely proud of what they accomplished on behalf of NY.

Next year the 2023 NCF-Envirothon will be held in New Brunswick, Canada and the current issue will be on "Adapting to Changing Climate."

Updating Flyer: Blanche reported that she is updating the NYACD flyer for hand-outs.

Director & Representatives –

- a. **Division I:** Jim Brick reported Wyoming County SWCD Board would be increasing their staff for the work they do on behalf of the district. Jim shared about an upcoming Soil Health meeting. See attached flyer to the minutes.
- b. **Division II:** Maureen Leupold was unable to attend due to a prior comment.
- c. **Division III:** No representative, no report.
- d. **Division IV:** No representative, no report.
- 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 had no report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Education & Envirothon: Ernie reported the following:

2022 NYS Envirothon Updates: The committee held a meeting at the Chemung Co. SWCD office on August 2, 2022. They are working plans for the 2023 NY Envirothon in May. There were elections and all the committee positions were reelected.

They also discussed the 2024 NCF-Envirothon event and are moving forward with making it a magnificent event. Funding was a big discussion.

The next meeting will be September 14, 2022, location to be determined.

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

VII. **New Business:** None to discuss at this time.

VIII. **Adjournment:**

- A motion made by Tom Ryan and second by Ernie Swift to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
#8/9/2022 = G

NO JULY MEETING. Next meeting date is **Wednesday, September 28, 2022, by Zoom at 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Blanche L. Hurlbutt

NYACD Executive Director August 11, 2022

August Motions Meeting:

#8/9/2022 = A Approval June Minutes

#8/9/2022 = B Approval June Treasurer

#8/9/2022 = C Approval July Treasurer

#8/9/2022 = D Approval June payment

#8/9/2022 = E Approval July payment

#8/9/2022 = F Approval Per Diem Meals

#8/9/2022 = G Approval Adjourn