



Zoom – Teleconference
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Sam Casella, Pres. Tom Ryan, Secretary, Treas.
Bruce Dolph, Member @ Lg James Brick, Div. I
Maureen Leupold, Div. II Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr.

Absent:

Dan Farrand, Past Pres.
Frank Thomas, Div. V
Scott Ryan, 2nd V. Pres.
Rob Carpenter, 1st V. Pres.
Ernie Swift, Div. IV

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

I. **Call to Order:** Sam Casella, Pres. Called the meeting to order 7:09 p.m.

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

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

- A motion by Jim Brick second by Bruce Dolph approve April minutes as written. Carried.
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IV. **Treasurer's Report:**

- No motion to approve April treasurer's report due to Board not able to review in advance of meeting.
- Motion by Bruce Dolph second by Maureen Leupold to approve the April bills as presented. Carried. **#5/18/2022 = B**

Tom Ryan reviewed the expenses and financial reports provided to the board in advance of the meeting.

V. **Partners Reports:**

NYACDEA' Report: Dustin Lewis, CDEA President reported that the CDEA and District staff have a meeting set for Friday, May 20th, to host an Administrative Conference in the fall. The planning committee is looking at an early November two day session.

Dustin reported the CDEA is busy working with Monroe County SWCD to manage the 4 hr Sediment and Erosion Control online classes. Kristin White will be managing this on behalf of the CDEA and Monroe SWCD.

The next CDEA meeting will be on Long Island. Dustin stated it has been a while since the meeting has been held in that area. He felt it will be nice for folks in that area to be able to attend.

Dustin mentioned that he will be an evening oral presentation Judge at the NYS Envirothon this year. Dustin stated in the seventeen (17) years at SWCD this will be his first time attending the state event.

Dustin reported that the CDEA will be hosting a meeting in Suffolk County on June 1st and Zoom will be available for those unable to attend in person.

NRCS Report: Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation reported that NRCS has hired a State Soils Scientist. Richard Shaw was NY & NJ's Soils Scientist but has retired. In July a gentleman out of Michigan will begin working as NY's soil specialist, Dan

The Chief has decided to continue the Corina Virus Relief Payments (CARP) there is a list of practices that NRCS can go back to that has been completed (lumber, concrete, etc.), which we can pay extra for those items part of the inflation. There is \$55 million of funds to be used across the country to make those payments for those producers that qualify. NRCS will move forward processing these payments.

Additional sign up for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), for \$2 million didn't have enough sign-up for. The deadline for sign-up is June 10th for applications. NRCS wants to see these funds assigned to producers so that the funds are not lost in NY.

State Committee Report: Brian Stienmuller, Ass't. Director NYS Ag & Mkts was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. No report was provided.

Board Report:

President: Sam Casella reported the NACD summer meeting he will be attending in Porta Rio in July. He has made airfare & room registration.

Sam reported he will be attending the NYS Envirothon this year both days. Sam reported he will be an oral presentation day judge the first day and the second day he will be doing whatever assigned. Sam encouraged the board to reach out to folks to sign-up and volunteer.

Sam discussed the move forward with Recruitment & Retainment that Caitlin Stewart, Hamilton SWCD District Manager has taken the lead on. A meeting is coming up shortly with partners and CDEA.

Executive Director:

2022 Annual Meeting: I have reached out to Kelly at the Hampton Inn regarding a menu for the event. Kelly will be providing me the menu in the next couple of days.

I have been able to add two more classes for the event and I'm waiting for word from NRCS staff on what classes are available for them to provide. Once I have that information, I will be able to continue on the registration packet. Information will be going out in mid to late June to Districts and the registration packet will be mailed in July to them.

Meeting: I attended a meeting at Rensselaer SWCD and shared with their board and staff on what NYACD role is, provided information about the Recruitment & Retainment, Stream C bills, etc.

Kevin King, Deputy Secretary Ag & Mkts, meeting went well, and we discovered he was a former Envirothon team member. Kevin provided ideas of possible funding through the Governor.

Legislative Bill: I had forwarded a Legislative bill for review by the Board. The one regarding Stormwater changes was related to village, town, city water companies the regulating of fees etc.

NE NACD: Annual NE NACD meeting is scheduled for August 28-31, 2022, in Maryland registrations came out today. Usually Sam & I attend this on behalf of NYACD. It was requested that if attending this meeting a day earlier you should make reservations a.s.a.p. (rooms are limited).

Director & Representatives –

- a. **Division I:** Jim Brick reported Wyoming County SWCD Board approved the 2024 NCF-Envirothon NY request of \$3,000 to be paid. Jim reported that Wyoming SWCD completed nine (9) Non-Point Ag applications in the amount of \$800,000 has been summited.
- b. **Division II:** Maureen Leupold reported that she taught the Envirothon Soil workshop for Genesee County SWCD. Maureen was unable to attend the Monroe County Envirothon this week. Kelly Emerick, Ex. Dir. Monroe will be speaking at the Genesee River Watch along the DEC's Great Lakes Action Committee Representative about future plans for Genesee River Watershed tomorrow
- c. **Division III:** No representative, no report.
- d. **Division IV:** Ernie Swift was unable to attend, and no report was provided.
- 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 was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. No report provided.

Committee Reports:

Education & Envirothon: Blanche reported the following:

NYS Envirothon Updates: The 2022 NYS Envirothon committee is prepared for the event and have done some changes as need with the reduced volunteers. We anticipate another great year with everyone working double. We have thirty-five (35) teams registered for the event. We had forty-five, but due to school programs, sports etc. teams had to drop out. Our volunteer count has been down this year and still short oral presentation judges. Some folks that volunteer for one day have stepped it up to be volunteering for both days, which will be a great help.

2024 NCF-Envirothon NY: The 2024 NCF-Envirothon committee has found potential testing site and will show NCF-Envirothon folks when they attend the 2022 NYS Envirothon event. The training site has not been selected presently. We will be meeting with Jennifer Books, NCF-Envirothon Educator on Monday or Tuesday before the 2022 NYS Envirothon. We will be taking Jennifer on a tour of the college as well, while she is here.

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

VII. New Business: Sam discussed the possibility of NY hosting the NE NACD meeting in 2024 or 2025.

VIII. Adjournment:

- A motion made by Maureen Leupold and second by Tom Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
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Next meeting date is Wednesday, June 27, 2022, by Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Blanche L. Hurlbutt

NYACD Executive Director June 8, 2022

May Motions Meeting:

#5/18/2022 = A Approval April Minutes

#5/18/2022 = B Approval April payment

#5/18/2022 = C Approval Adjourn