



Zoom Meeting
Thursday, December 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Sam Casella, President	Jim Brick, Div. I
Scott Ryan, 2 nd V. President	Bruce Dolph, Member @ Lg
Rollin Pickering, Div. II	Ernie Swift, Treas.
Rob Carpenter, 1 st V. President	John M. Stortecky, Div. V
Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr.	

Absent:

Dan Farrand, Past Pres.

Guests Present: None Present

Partners Present: Caitlin Stewart, NYSCDEA' President.

Absent: Bethany Bzduch, SWCC Ex. Dir., Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation

- I. **Call to Order:** Sam Casella, President Called the meeting to order 7:01 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr. gave roll call.
- III. **Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes:**
 - A motion by Bruce Dolph second by John Stortecky to approve November minutes as written.
Carried. **#21/21/2023 = A**
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A motion by Scott Ryan seconded by Bruce Dolph to approve the November Treasurer's report as provided. Carried. **#12/21/2023 = B**
 - A motion by Jim Brick seconded by John Stortecky to approve the November Bills to be Paid.
Carried. **#12/21/2023 = C**

Ernie Swift provided the Board with the financial reports for November in advance of the meeting for the Board to review. Ernie reported on the balances in the accounts and reported on the available funds, expenses, and interest earned to date.

V. Partners Reports:

NYSCDEA' Report: Caitlin Stewart, NYCDEA President provided a CDEA report appended to these minutes.

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

State Committee Report: Bethany Bzduch, SWCC Executive Director was unable to attend, and no report was provided.

Board Report:

President: Sam did not have anything new to report this month.

Executive Director: Blanche reported has sent out Legislative Day material to districts and directors to register and has made requests for Legislative appointments.

Director & Representatives –

- a. **Division I:** Jim Brick reported on the Wyoming process of search to hire a new technician. They interviewed a few but did not select anyone. They are putting out another request for the technician position.
- b. **Division II:** Rollin Pickering reported on the Monroe stream bank planting project.
- c. **Division III:** No representative. No report.
- d. **Division IV:** No representative, no report.
- e. **Division V:** John M Stortecky didn't have anything to report.
- f. **Division VI:** No representative, no report.
- g. **Division VII:** No representative, no report.
- h. **Division VIII:** No representative, no report.

Committee Reports:

2024 NYS Envirothon: Ernie reported that a meeting was held on Monday at SUNY Cortland and the committee is moving forward in preparation for the event in May.

2024 NCF Envirothon New York: Ernie reported that NCF folks attended the meeting on Monday by Zoom and the committee updated them on what is being done and already set.

Rob reported that Suffolk SWCD Board is putting a request out to the districts to support this event. That the Part C funding can be used for the Envirothon and Suffolk SWCD Board is contributing an additional \$5,000 towards this event. Rob stated that letters went out to all the District Chairs to match Suffolks additional funds. The Board feels that the Envirothon is a prefect step in reaching and teaching students to become future SWCD staff. Caitlin stated that she is a former Envirothon team member and this changed the direction she took for her future education and job.

Old Business:

NYACD 2024 Budget: The board received a copy of the proposed budget in advance of the meeting. Ernie will provided Velynda Parker, Bookkeeper with the necessary changes.

- A motion was made by Bruce Dolph seconded by Jim Brick to approve the 2024 budget as with increases to annual meeting income/expenses. One abstains. **Carried. #12/21/2023 =D**

VI. New Business:

Blanche inquired about purchasing projectors and it was decided that Blanche she move forward and purchase three projectors.

VII. Adjournment:

- A motion by Scott Ryan, seconded by Bruce Dolph to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
#12/21/2023 = E

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting date is **Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.** by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by

Blanche L. Hurlbutt,

NYACD Executive Director January 7, 2024

November Motions Meeting:

#12/21/2023 = A Approval November Minutes,
#12/21/2023 = B Approval October Finances,
#12/21/2023 = C Approval of October Bills to Pay,
#12/21/2023 = D 2024 NYACD Budget,
#12/21/2023 = E Approval to Adjourn

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CDEA Report: NYACD Meeting, December 21, 2023

- NYS Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate Program - The committee finalized a Practice Problem Workbook that is available to people who attend a Review Course. A Review Course was held in Auburn November 15 and 16. The course was well attended by 26 people. 15 people took the Exam November 17 at Cayuga County SWCD on November 17.
- DEC Permits – Division Representative Shawn Murphy lead an excellent discussion on DEC Permits at our November CDEA meeting. SWCDs brought forward concerns, including delays in permit approval, culvert review differs from DEC region to region, feasibility of bank full design. I am working on a survey to collect more information from SWCDs.
- Bond Act – I created a survey, and only 10 SWCDs completed it.
- The 2024 Water Quality Symposium will be held March 12 – 15 at the Double Tree Hotel, East Syracuse. Chairperson Jessica Anderson is finalizing the registration packet. Director attendance will meet performance measures that make SWCDs eligible to receive state aid funding.
- I will complete and send the December CDEA Newsletter before the end of the year. The deadline for the February edition is February 2. Please email me your NYACD news to include.
- Our next CDEA meeting will be held January 23 - 24 at the Double Tree Hotel, Syracuse. Agenda and meeting materials to follow, and I welcome NYACD to join us.
- On behalf of CDEA and SWCDs, thank you for a productive year. We value and appreciate NYACD's continued support and commitment to SWCDs.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Stewart,

CDEA President