



Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Sam Casella, President
Scott Ryan, 2nd V. President
Rollin Pickering, Div. II
Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr.

Rob Carpenter, 1st V. President
Bruce Dolph, Member @ Lg
Ernie Swift, Treas.

Absent:

Dan Farrand, Past Pres.
Jim Brick, Div. I
Jim Cunningham, Div. III
Frank Thomas, Div. V

Guests/Partners:

Guests Present: Velynda Parker, NYACD Bookkeeper, Elaine Swift, Colby Petersen, Yates County SWCD District Manager

Partners Present: Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation

Absent: Caitlin Stewart, NYSCDEA' President., Bethany Bzduch, SWCC Ex. Dir.

I. **Call to Order:** Sam Casella, President Called the meeting to order 6:13 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 Rollin Pickering to approve September minutes as written. Carried. **#10/24/2023 = A**

IV. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A motion by Ernie Swift, seconded by Scott Ryan to approve the September Treasurer's report as provided with the three (3) line-item changes. Carried. **#10/24/2023 = B**
- A motion by Bruce Dolph, seconded by Rollin Pickering to approve the September Bills to be Paid. Carried. **#10/24/2023 = C**

Ernie Swift provided the Board with an update of financial reports for September along with the balances in the accounts. Rollin inquired if the checking account was an interest bearing account. Velynda explained it was not. The board discussed moving funds around at the end of the year.

V. Partners Reports:

NYSCDEA' Report: Caitlin Stewart, NYCDEA President was unable to attend, and no report was provided. Caitlin will be attending the annual meeting tomorrow and will provide a report.

NRCS Report: Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation reported that this meeting was his first face-to-face meeting with NYACD in some time. Blake stated that usually the NRCS Team Leadership training is the same week, but this year it was cancelled. Blake stated he was glad to be here. Blake will give a full report tomorrow at the annual meeting.

State Committee Report: Bethany Bzduch, SWCC Executive Director was unable to attend, and no report was provided. Bethany will be available at the annual meeting tomorrow to provide a report.

Board Report:

President: Sam Casella reported that he traveled to the NE NACD meeting in Portland, Maine and this was another good training session.

Sam is working on the NACD Climate and Water Committee, which is starting to take off. Their first meeting will be held on November 1st. He is also on the Legislative Committee, and they will be meeting in November.

The NACD annual meeting will be held in San Diego, California in February, which Sam plans on attending.

Annika McGuirk will be taking on a different position with NACD. She will be missed working with us, but we wish her the best.

Executive Director: Blanche reported that she has been busy preparing for the annual meeting and feels things are all set to begin tomorrow.

Blanche reported that she plans to attend the NACD meeting in February as well. The Executive Directors are discussing hosting their yearly event there as well. Will know more about that in the months to come. Early bird registration is due at the end of December.

Director & Representatives –

- a. **Division I:** Jim Brick was unable to attend. No report provided.
- b. **Division II:** Rollin Pickering reported that he hopes to attend the NACD annual meeting as well. Rollin reported that he has updated his email, and everyone should have it.
- c. **Division III:** Jim Cunningham was unable to attend. No report provided.
- d. **Division IV:** No representative, no report.
- e. **Division V:** Frank Thomas was unable to attend. No report provided.
- 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 deferred to Blanche on reporting. Blanche reported all is going well as the committee moves forward for the state event.

2024 NCF Envirothon New York: Ernie deferred to Blanche on providing updates for the 2024 NCF event. Blanche reported that things are moving along nicely, and things are coming together. The committee is working on their duties as expected at this time.

VI. Old Business:

Scott reported that he attended the Saratoga SWCD board meeting, and they requested information from NYACD quicker. Scott reported that Blanche now had the Saratoga board's email addresses and will begin forwarding them information. Scott provided the Saratoga Board with updated information on what NYACD is doing and overall felt the meeting went well.

VII. New Business:

- 2024 NYACD Budget was provided in advance to the Board, and this was discussed at a special meeting Sunday evening. The Board has elected to table the budget decision until next month.

- Resolutions: Blanche provided the board with the Tompkins County SWCD resolution regarding forming the Eastern FingerLakes Coalition. Colby shared additional information related to this resolution. This will be presented at tomorrow's annual business meeting off the floor.
- Burce inquired as to what could NYACD do to help or encourage folks to stay for Thursday morning training sessions. It was decided to have Blanche track how many are expected to attend and how many attend. Then the Board will discuss further what we could do to encourage folks to stay.

VIII. Adjournment:

- A motion by Scott Ryan, seconded by Bruce Dolph to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
#10/24/2023 = D

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Next meeting date is **Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.** by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by

Blanche L. Hurlbutt

NYACD Executive Director November 1, 2023

October Motions Meeting:

#10/24/2023 = A Approval September Minutes

#10/24/2023 = B Approval September Finances,

#10/24//2023 = C Approval of September Bills to Pay

#10/24/2023 = D Approval to Adjourn