



Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, June 29, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Rob Carpenter, 1st V. President Scott Ryan, 2nd V. President
Bruce Dolph, Member @ Lg Jim Brick, Div. I
Ernie Swift, Treas.
Frank Thomas, Div. V
Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr.

Absent:

Dan Farrand, Past Pres.
Rollin Pickering, Div. II
Jim Cunningham, Div. III
Sam Casella, President

Guests/Partners:

Guests Present: None present.

Partners Present: Caitlin Stewart, NYSCDEA' President. **Absent:** Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation, Bethany Bzduch, SWCC Ex. Dir.

- I. **Call to Order:** Rob Carpenter, 1st Vice Pres. Called the meeting to order 7:04 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 Ernie Swift to approve May minutes with correction to next meeting date. Carried. **#6/28/2023 = A**
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A motion by Bruce Dolph, seconded by Frank Thomas to approve the May Treasurer's report as provided. Carried. **#6/28/2023 = B**
 - A motion by Jim Brick, seconded by Scott Ryan to approve the May Bills to be Paid. Carried. **#6/28/2023 = C**

Ernie Swift reviewed the financial reports for May with the Board regarding income/expenses as well as the bills for the month. Ernie also shared the information regarding the CD funds which are not being provided in the monthly financial statements. Ernie shared that three more districts have paid the NYACD dues.

V. Partners Reports:

NYSCDEA' Report: Caitlin Stewart, NYCDEA President reported the following:

Leadership Institute: the event is right on track for July 18 – 21, and Shawn Murphy has worked hard on this event. 23 participants will attend: 1 director, 1 SWCC staff, and a good split between NRCS and SWCD folks for the balance. Conservation Skills Workshop: September 18 – 21 at the Auburn Holiday Inn. Event chair Tom Eskildsen and the committee are working hard to put on a great event with relevant topics.

Next CDEA meeting: rescheduled to July 25 and 26 in Division III, 1,000 Islands, with both in person and virtual options to attend. Agenda to follow.

CDEA News: June Newsletter will be out by the end of the week.

I thank Blanche, Sam and the entire NYACD board for emailing the Governor Hochul another letter opposing the Class C Stream Bill.

Question: What is NYACD's procedure for supporting or opposing legislation that affects SWCDs? Is there protocol in your By-Laws? Rob and Blanche explained the procedure for NYACD and how things are handled when resolutions are presented to NYACD and how they move forward in the process.

NRCS Report: NRCS Report: Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation was unable to attend due to other commitments. No report was provided.

State Committee Report: Bethany Bzduch, SWCC Ex. Dir was unable to attend due to other commitments. No report was provided.

Board Report:

President: Sam Casella was unable to attend but had Rob share that he was all set to attend the NACD summer meeting in North Dakota on behalf of NYACD.

Executive Director: Blanche reported that she has been working on the NYACD annual meeting material. Today the first letter was mailed to Directors and Districts regarding the necessary information for the event along with the awards and resolution paperwork.

Blanche reported that she has been working with Shino, NYC SWCD as it relates to the NACD Technical Assistant Grant process. NYACD must support the districts within NY that want to be considered for this grant and Blanche provided NYACD's support for Shino to proceed in the process.

Director & Representatives –

- a. **Division I:** Jim Brick reported that he attended the June 16th Managers meeting and shared the topics of discussion at this meeting from Greenhouse gases to Great Lakes funding. Also,

the importance of sharing with the Legislators what soil and water districts have completed within their county.

- b. **Division II:** Rollin Pickering unable to attend. No report provided.
- c. **Division III:** Jim Cunningham unable to attend. No report provided.
- d. **Division IV:** No representative, no report.
- e. **Division V:** Frank Thomas reported that there's not much happening in his division. Also, reported that his district paid their NYACD dues.
- f. **Division VI:** No representative, no report.
- g. **Division VII:** No representative, no report.
- h. **Division VIII:** No representative, no report.

Committee Reports:

Education & Envirothon:

2023 NYS Envirothon: Ernie reported that June meeting has held on Thursday, June 15th by Zoom. This was a follow-up of the 2023 event and discussing moving forward with the 2024 state event.

Blanche reported that her and Al Fagan, Wyoming SWCD Manager and her met with a college representative at a different location for next year. Presently they are waiting to hear back if the college will host the event. Which it looks promising, and the site would be prefect for the state event.

Blanche reported that Karl Strause, NRCS is coming on board as a committee member and Rachel Arnold, NYS DEC will be stepping down as a committee member.

2024 NCF Envirothon New York: Blanche reported that things are moving forward as expected for the 2024 event. Their greatest concern is the funding, and they are working with a potential major funder, but the process hasn't been completed at this time. Blanche reported that there is five committee members that will be attending the 2023 NCF-Envirothon in July. While there they will be helping the 2023 committee and learning their role for the 2024 NY event.

Old Business:

Hand-out Items: The Board agrees with purchasing the glasses but will make the decision when more of the board members are present.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Adjournment:

- A motion by Ernie Swift, seconded by Bruce Dolph to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
#6/28/2023 = D

Next meeting date has been changed to the third week of July due to other board commitments in July. The next meeting date is **Wednesday, August 23, 2023, by Zoom at 7:00 p.m.** NO July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Blanche L. Hurlbutt

NYACD Executive Director June 29, 2023

June Motions Meeting:

#6/28/2023 = A Approval May Minutes

#6/28/2023 = B Approval May Finances

#6/2//2023 = C Approval of May Bills to Pay

#6/28/2023 = D Approval to Adjourn