

**ESSEX COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

March 19th, 2026

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tyler in the Westport Town Hall at 7:50 a.m.

Unless otherwise noted, votes on motions were unanimous.

Attendance: Board members Ike Tyler, Ben Leerkes, Tim Pierce, and Anna Reynolds. SWCD- Renee Clark, Alice Halloran. Mike Davis was not in attendance and was excused.

MOTION to accept the February 19th, 2026 Minutes was made by Leerkes, seconded by Reynolds, and carried.

Correspondence – Alice provided the Board with an update regarding our tree sale. She reported that we successfully met our Performance Measures and received the Part C funds. Additionally, she received correspondence from our local legislator, Michael Cashman, following Legislative Day. She extended an invitation to the Board from the East Shore Schroon Lake Association for their meeting scheduled for June 18th.

Farm Bureau Update-Ben provided an overview of upcoming events.

Monthly Updates

Secretary Update was reviewed by the Board. (Appendix 1)

MOTION to accept the March update was made by Leerkes, seconded by Reynolds, and carried.

District Manager Update was reviewed by the Board. (Appendix 2)

MOTION to accept the March update was made by Leerkes, seconded by Reynolds, and carried.

Technician Update (Daniel) was reviewed by the Board (Appendix 3)

MOTION to accept the March update was made by Leerkes, seconded by Reynolds, and carried.

Technician Update (Meagan) – was reviewed by the Board (Appendix 4)

MOTION to accept the March update was made by Leerkes, seconded by Reynolds, and carried.

Technician Update (Noah) – was reviewed by the Board (Appendix 5)

MOTION to accept the March update was made by Leerkes, seconded by Pierce, and carried.

Technician Update (Mathew) – was reviewed by the Board (Appendix 6)

MOTION to accept the March update was made by Pierce, seconded by Leerkes, and carried.

PROJECTS-

OLD BUSINESS

- **Intern Position** – A **MOTION** to approve the hiring of three interns, based on Alice's recommendation, was made by Pierce, seconded by Leerkes, and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **New Truck Bids**- A **MOTION** to approve the purchase of a new truck from Egglefield Ford for a 2026 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT as built to spec sheet for \$58,517.11 was made by Leerkes, seconded by Reynolds, and carried.
- **CRF 8 Cover Crops** - A **RESOLUTION** was made by Leerkes, seconded by Pierce, and carried to open a new bank account for CRF 8 Cover Crop grant.
- **AEM Round 19** - A **RESOLUTION** was made by Leerkes, seconded by Pierce, and carried to open a new bank account for AEM Round 19 grant.

District Treasurer

A. A financial report was presented to the Directors, (Appendix 7). A **MOTION** was made by Leerkes to accept the February report as presented, seconded by Pierce, and a roll call vote was done with all in acceptance.

B. Bills due for payment in the amount of \$388,082.15 were presented to the Board for approval, (Appendix 8). A **MOTION** was made by Leerkes to accept and pay the March bills for approval, and pay as such, seconded by Reynolds, and a roll call vote was done with all in acceptance.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS – No report.

NYSSWCC – (Appendix 9)

NYACD- (Appendix 10)

Other Business

With no further business and/or discussion to come before the Board a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 am was made by Reynolds, seconded by Leerkes, and carried.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 7:45 a.m. at the Westport Youth & Ag. Building

Attachments: Appendix 1 - Secretary Update (Renee)
 Appendix 2 - District Manager Update (Alice)
 Appendix 3 –Technician Update (Daniel)
 Appendix 4 - Technician Update (Meagan)
 Appendix 5 - Technician Update (Noah)
 Appendix 6 - Technician Update (Mathew)
 Appendix 7 - Financial Report
 Appendix 8- Bills
 Appendix 9- NYSSWCC Report
 Appendix 10- NYACD Report

Submitted by:

Renee Clark, Secretary to the Board