

ESSEX COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 18th, 2024

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tyler in the Westport Town Hall at 8:05 a.m.

Attendance: Board members - Ike Tyler, Mike Davis, and Jim Monty. Ben Leerkes and Anna Reynolds were excused. SWCD – Renee Clark, Alice Halloran.

MOTION to accept the September 19th, 2024 minutes was made by Davis, seconded by Monty, and carried.

Correspondence – Alice let the Board know the registration for the Managers meeting at Greek Peak in Cortland is due October 28th.

Chairman's Update – No report.

Farm Bureau Update- Alice let the Board know that Soil & Water would be presenting the AEM Award to Echo Farm at the annual Farm Bureau meeting.

Monthly Updates

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

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

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

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

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

MOTION to accept the October updates was made by Davis, seconded by Monty, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **2022 Ford Escape**– A **MOTION** was made by Monty, seconded by Davis, and carried to counter offer our bid of \$14,700.00 on Auctions International. The counter offer will be \$16,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Rate Change for Retiree Health Insurance Premium**- The Hartford's rate will change at renewal on 1/01/2025 to \$255.33 for Retiree Premiums.
- **Budget Transfer**- A **MOTION** was made by Davis, seconded by Monty, and carried to make a budget line transfer from Office Equipment to Part C in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- **APOW**- A **MOTION** was made by Monty, seconded by Davis, and carried to accept and submit the 2025 Annual Plan of Work to the State.
- **Part B**- A **MOTION** was made by Davis, seconded by Monty, and carried to submit the request for financial assistance to the State. The District will submit Part B for the Hydroseeding Program in the amount of \$6,0000.00
- **CRF 8**- Alice let the Board know that the District was awarded the CRF8 Climate Resilient Grant.

District Treasurer

A. A financial report was presented to the Directors, (Appendix 6). A **MOTION** was made by Monty, seconded by Davis, and carried to accept the September report as presented.

B. Bills due for payment in the amount of \$23,130.04 were presented to the Board for approval, (Appendix 7). A **MOTION** was made by Monty to accept and pay the October bills for approval, and pay as such, seconded by Davis, and carried.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS – No report

NYSSWCC – (Appendix 8)

NYACD- No report

Other Business

It was discussed that the date of the December Board meeting will be changed to December 12th at 7:45 at the Westport Town Hall. All are in agreeance.

With no further business and/or discussion to come before the Board a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m. was made by Monty, seconded by Davis, and carried.

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at 7:45 a.m. at the Westport Town Hall.

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 -Financial Report
 Appendix 7- Bills
 Appendix 8- NYSSWCC Report

Submitted by:

Renee Clark, Secretary to the Board

