

SUFFOLK COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

423 Griffing Avenue

Riverhead, New York 11901

October 10, 2019

Board of Director's in attendance:

Rob Carpenter, Chairman - Grange/Farm Bureau
Legislator Al Krupski, Legislative District 1 –Treasurer
Legislator Robert Calarco, Legislative District 7
Brian Culhane – Member at Large

Staff and Organizations in attendance:

Corey Humphrey – SWCD District Manager
Ann Marie Calabro – SWCD Staff
Susan Odell-Pepe-SWCD Staff
Sharon Frost – SWCD Staff
Kaitlin Shahinian – SWCD Staff
Deborah Aller – S.C. Cornell Cooperative Extension
Liz Camps – U.S.D.A. – N.R.C.S.

- Chairman R. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- Chairman R. Carpenter declared a quorum. Four of five board members were in attendance.
- P. Schmitt was unable to attend the meeting.

- The draft minutes of the September 12, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to accept the September 12, 2019 minutes, seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.

District Report presented by District Manager C. Humphrey

- The AEM program is an opportunity for the SCSWCD to capitalize on the conservation work that is being done with respect to Suffolk's agriculture sector. The AEM program reimburses the District through the program's tier structure.
- Suffolk County S.W.C.D. has partnered with Nassau County S.W.C.D. to develop a Memorandum of Agreement outlining the terms of this joint venture to host the Four Hour Erosion and Sediment Control Training Classes together going forward as per the terms of the MOA upon Board approval. The MOA contains all the details about the program's execution and the payment structure to both districts.
- L.I. Envirothon has gone through changes in the last year. Suffolk and Nassau County SWCDs have drafted a MOA that clearly outlines the 2020 event. The MOA specifically addresses the terms of this joint venture and includes a task list that details each district's responsibilities.

- The Agriculture in the Classroom 2020 is requesting Board approval to submit an application for the Captain Plant Grant Program. The additional funding will support the growing popularity of this program and continue to provide students in Suffolk County a hands-on agricultural learning experience to promote the importance of local agriculture and food security.
- Soil Health and Pasture Workshop was held on September 23rd, 2019. The District worked in conjunction with American Farmland Trust, and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The event was focused on soil health and pasture management, which was designed to increase farmer's knowledge on several management strategies.
- Staff development and training is the key to the SWCD's long term success in the preservation of Suffolk's natural resources. Training allows staff to increase their technical knowledge and leads to additional certifications such as CPESC, CCA and NRCS Planner.

a) Active Projects/Programs:

- a. Agrochemical Mixing Facilities
- b. Agriculture Non-Point Source Grants (AgNPS)
 - i. Fuel Tank Replacements Rd 20, 21, 22, 24
 - ii. Integrated Pest Management & Sprayer Retrofits Rd 20
 - iii. Nutrient Management Planning Rd. 21
 - iv. Nutrient Recycling (ebb and flow system) Rd. 24
- c. NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Projects
 - i. 2017 South Harbor Road Remediation
- d. Deer Exclusion Fencing (multiyear)
- e. Agricultural Environmental Planning (A.E.M.)
- f. Resource Conservation Partnership Program (R.C.P.P.)
- g. Environmental Protection Fund (E.P.F.)
- h. Soil Health Testing
 - i. Soil Health Equipment Loan Program (Soil H.E.L.P.)
 - j. Farm Tire Recycling

b) 4 Hour NYSDEC Endorsed Erosion and Sediment Control (E.S.C.) Training

c) Municipal Assistance

d) Staff Training

- Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to accept the District Manager's Report; seconded by B. Culhane; none opposed; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report presented by S. Odell-Pepe

- The October 10, 2019 Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
Motion made by B. Culhane to accept the October 10, 2019 Treasurer's Report as read; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.

USDA - NRCS Field Office Report – Liz Camps

- Currently I am working with K. Shahinian and E. Compagnone to develop a real conservation plan with a step by step process. We recently visited Sang Lee Farm for an intensive overview

of a vegetable farm. We are also planning future site visits to different commodity farms to work on conservation plans.

Legislative Report presented by Legislator A. Krupski and Legislator R. Calarco

- Attended the September 23rd, 2019 Pasture Workshop held by the following partnering agencies; Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District, American Farmland Trust and Suffolk County Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Attended the October 9th, 2019 P.E.P. meeting to reorganize the structure of the Peconic Estuary Program.

C.C.E. - Ag. Stewardship Report presented by Deborah Aller

- On November 6th, 2019 updating the Wood Chip Trials at Wickham's Farm
- On November 7th, 2019 hosting the Managing Landscapes Sustainability Conference at the Hilton in Stony Brook, NY.
- Scheduled 10 farms for Fall Soil Health Testing using funding through American Farmland Trust. Testing will be done on different commodity farms
- Attending USDA Soil Health Specialist Training Workshop on November 4th and 5th.
- November 2019 C.C.E. will present a poster on the Wood Chip Trials conducted at Wickham's Farm at Cornell University.

L.I.C.A.P. Representative Update presented by Brian Culhane

- Attended the September 30th, 2019 L.I.C.A.P. meeting. Reviewed the new recommendation matrix. The 15 additions came from the Suffolk County Dept. of Health.
- There is also a resolution to continue County Funding of L.I.C.A.P. to be voted on at the next meeting.
- Next L.I.C.A.P. meeting will be held on Friday October 18th, 2019

Chairman's Report presented by R. Carpenter

- Being passed around to the board members is a draft resolution for NYACD Annual Meeting to review the Local Cost List Policy which was a topic of discussion at our September 12th, 2019 Board Meeting. I ask the Board to review and make any necessary changes.
Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to approval the amended proposal as written for the Local Cost List Policy to be presented at the next NYACD Annual Meeting; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.
- In addition, being passed around are two additional NYACD Resolutions being proposed for the board's review and support. These proposals will be presented at the next NYACD's Meeting on October 23rd, 2019.
- Will be attending the October 23rd, 2019 N.Y.A.C.D. Annual Meeting and will be the District's voting representative at the annual meeting as per the September 12, 2019 unanimous vote by the Board of Directors.

- Attended the September 23rd, 2019 Pasture Workshop. Recognition to Ann Marie and Debra Aller for the event. It was well attended and the information provided was very helpful to growers.
- Will be attending the November 13th, 2019 American Farmland Trust Solar/Climate Change Forum in Riverhead, NY. I have been asked to serve as a panelist.

Old Business:

- Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to approve the disbursement of \$30,000 to Suffolk County Comptroller from the 2018 NYS SWCC Part A Award to meet the District's 2019 Budget Revenue Projections; seconded by P. Schmitt; none opposed; motion carried.

New Business:

- Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to approve the 2020 Agricultural Environmental Management Annual Action Plan – R16 and approve the submission of the plan to NYSSWCC; seconded by B. Culhane; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by B. Culhane to approve the 2020 Agricultural Environmental Management Strategic Plan and approve the submission of the plan to NYSSWCC; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by B. Culhane to approve the 2020 Annual Plan of Work and approve the submission of the plan to NYSSWCC; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to approve the 2020 L.I. Envirothon Memorandum of Agreement with Nassau S.W.C.D.; seconded by B. Culhane; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Nassau S.W.C.D. for joint training classes to be held on 4 Hour NYSDEC Erosion and Sediment Control Training; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.

Executive Session: none

- Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.; seconded by B. Culhane; none opposed; motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Susan L. Odell-Pepe
 Susan L. Odell-Pepe
 Principal Account Clerk
 Suffolk County Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: 11/12/2019

Approved by Rob Carpenter
 Rob Carpenter – Board of Director - Chairman
 Suffolk County Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: 2/13/20