

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

423 Griffing Avenue

Riverhead, New York 11901

January 8, 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
Phil Schmitt – Farm community Representative

Staff and Organizations in attendance:

Sharon Frost – SWCD Staff
Susan Odell-Pepe – SWCD Staff
Ann Marie Calabro – SWCD Staff
Kaitlin Shahinian – SWCD Staff
Deborah Aller – S.C. Cornell Cooperative Extension
Liz Camps – USDA NRCS

- Chairman R. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.
- Chairman R. Carpenter declared a quorum. Four out of the five members were in attendance and B. Culhane is currently absent.
- Chairman R. Carpenter introduced the new Soil District Technician Kaitlin Shahinian to the Board of Directors.
- The draft minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting were reviewed.
Motion made by P. Schmitt to accept the November 8, 2018 minutes; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report presented by S. Odell-Pepe

- The January 8, 2019 Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to accept the January 8, 2019 Treasurer's Report as read; seconded by P. Schmitt; none opposed; motion carried.

District Report presented by R. Carpenter

- The 01/09/2019 B.O.D. Meeting will be declared the 2019 Board of Director's Organizational Meeting. This is the organization meeting for year is to review and update any policies or procedures and to set the 2019 Board of Director's Meeting Schedule. Motions to be done later in the meeting under new business.

- The Board of Director's by common consent is declared the January 8, 2019 board meeting as the annual organizational meeting.
- Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to nominate R. Carpenter as the Chairman of the Board for the fiscal year 2019; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.
- NYS CDEA is having the 2019 Water Quality Symposium in March 2019–
- The District is requesting from the board an allocation of up to \$300 for Raffle prizes for the NYS CDEA 2019 W.Q.S. to support CDEA Programs.
- 2018 Part C - Soil Health Equipment Purchases
- 2018 Year in Review News Letter completed
- 2019 District Annual Report currently being prepared. Report due February 15, 2019.

Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to accept the District Report; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.

- Brian Culhane has joined the Board of Director's Meeting.

USDA - NRCS Field Office Report – Liz Camps

- USDA NRCS State Conservationist Greg Kist is retiring and the new replacement is to start on January 25, 2019.
- Deadline for E.W.I.P. Applications is January 18, 2019.
- USDA NRCS currently open until further notice from their main office.

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

- December 2018 attended the P.E.P. meeting to continue the discussion on the revision of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). The Peconic Estuary Program first released the plan over 15 years ago to conserve and restore the Peconic Estuary. An updated long-term plan is necessary to continue to effectively improve the health of the estuary.
- December 2018 attended the L.I.C.A.P. Water Conservation Sub-Committee meeting.

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

- The District Manager filled in for B. Culhane at the December 12, 2018 General Mtg. and Public Hearing; which was for the purpose of presenting information for the 2018 State of the Aquifer Report on issues of regional concerns affecting the sole source aquifer from members of the public and organizations involved in groundwater research, management and advocacy.
- The State of the Aquifer Report has been released in draft form. Can be forwarded to you upon request.
- Next general meeting will be held on January 15, 2019 located at S.C. Water Authority Education Center, 260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

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

- Ag. Stewardship Program held two twilight web-based session workshops on soil health

in November and December 2018.

- Preparing for the Ag. Forum in January 2019 and other winter conferences.
- Soil Health Testing Program to start in Spring of 2019
- Suffolk County C.C.E. and American Farmland Trust together created a Long Island Soil Health Video.
- On January 22, 2019 C.C.E. will hold the Long Island Greenhouse & Floriculture Conference at the Marriot Residence Inn.
- Ag. Steward Dept. has an opening for technician. For more information please visit the Suffolk County C.C.E. website.

Chairman's Report presented by R. Carpenter

- Visited farms located along Mecox Bay in Southampton. The landowners have major concerns of the continuous flooding from the high water level of Mecox Bay. The Southampton Town Trustees are the custodians managing the water flow between Mecox Bay and Atlantic Ocean. The Southampton Town Board of Trustees is working on the N.Y.S.D.E.C.'s request to create a formal management plan to manage the water flow for this specific area between the bay and ocean. Only under an emergency permit will the N.Y.S.D.E.C. consider the request to open the waterway until the management plan is adopted and approved by D.E.C. Our staff toured the farm that has the most damage to get a better feel for what is happening.
- Municipality Highway Departments have been contacting the Farm Bureau regarding runoff from the farm fields on to main roads in specific areas in Suffolk County (some specific areas are Southampton, Brookhaven and Riverhead). We remain committed to continue with tours to resolve flooding issues and loss of soil from farm fields it that is the case after a site visit.
- \$250 Donation was sent to the NCF (National Conservation Foundation) Leadership Campaign.

Old Business:

- SCSWCD Procurement Policy Draft – tabled by common consent to be reviewed at February 14, 2019 Board of Director's Meeting.
- Attended a joint meeting with Nassau and Suffolk County SWCD to discuss the status of the Long Island Regional Envirothon.
- Motion made by P. Schmitt to approve the 21st Annual Long Island Regional Envirothon Event to be held on April 30, 2019 at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Bethpage, New York; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.

New Business:

- Motion made by common consent to hold the 2019 Board of Director's Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month and to be amended on an as needed basis.
- Motion made by B. Culhane to approve the extension of the Ag. NPs. Grant Rd. 20 – Sprayer Retrofit; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.

- Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to approve the Ag. NPs. Grant Rd. 24 – Fuel Tank Replacement reduction in participants in the grant program; seconded by P. Schmitt; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by B. Culhane to approved the disbursement of SWCD District funds to cover the costs for any Board of Director who wishes to attend the 2019 N.Y.S.C.D.E.A. Water Quality Symposium to be held in March 12 to March 15, 2019; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by B. Culhane to approve the disbursement of SWCD District funds up to \$300 for the N.Y.S.C.D.E.A. Water Quality Symposium Raffles; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.

Executive Session: none

- Motion made by P. Schmitt to adjourn the meeting at 5:07p.m.; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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

Date: 1/28/19

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

Date: 2/15/19