



Teleconference Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Dan Farrand, Pres. Ron Montesi, 1st V. Pres.
Bill Peoples, Treas. Chuck Colby, Secretary
James Brick, Div. I (left meeting 7:20 pm)
Ernie Swift, Div. IV Rob Carpenter, Div. VIII
Scott Ryan, 2nd V. Pres. Blanche Hurlbutt, Interim Ex. Dr.

Absent:

Sam Casella, Member @Lg.
Steve Lorraine, NYSCDEA'
Tom Nichols, Past Pres.
Frank Thomas, Div. V

Guests/Partners: Greg Kist, NRCS, Alan Hough, Madison SWCD Board Member

I. Call to Order: Dan Farrand, Pres. Called the meeting to order 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Blanche Hurlbutt, Interim Ex. Dr. gave roll called.

III. Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes: Dan requested that Blanche provide a date for all resolutions with the month and a number.

- *Motion by Ron Montesi second by Ernie Swift to approve the June minutes has written. Carried. #7/19/2017 = A*

IV. Treasurer's Report:

June Treasurer's Report & Bills to be paid:

- *Motion by Ron Montesi second by Ernie Swift to approve June treasurer's report as presented. Carried. #7/19/2017 = B*
- *A motion by Scott Ryan second by Ron Montesi to pay all the requested bills presented. Carried. #7/19/2017 = C*

Bill reported that all but two items were on budget. Bill requested that the under budgeted line items be moved to the over budget items.

- *Motion by Ron Montesi second by Ernie Swift to approve the budgeted line items as requested. Carried. #7/19/2017 = D*

V. Partners Reports: Dan welcomed Alan , Madison County SWCD, and Greg Kist to the meeting.

NYACDEA' Report: Steve Lorraine was unable to attend due to a previously scheduled meeting.

NRCS Report: Greg Kist reported there is a National Conservation Partnership planning training session starting Thursday, July 20th. Greg also reported there is more planning training and other training sessions being set up soon.

Greg reported that NRCS has signed Conservation Agreements with many Districts such as; Otsego, St. Lawrence, Steuben to name a few.

Dan thanked Greg for working with Blanche on possible training sessions for the NYACD Annual meeting.

VI. Board Report:

President - Dan encouraged the NYACD Board to reach out to their Legislators locally and encourage them to purchase a page for the annual meeting booklet. Dan stated for \$100.00 then could be in the booklet with a photo and a few words. Dan reported that Blanche had reached out to Lee Supply Co. Dan suggested Blanche needed to contact the two windmill companies that are installing 70 windmills in southwestern part of Steuben County.

Dan provided Blanche with a crash course in how the legislation works and to contact Senator Pamela Helming regarding the Waterfront Revitalization Bill and introduce the new resolution. Dan requested Blanche set up a meeting for Ron, himself, and her with Senator Helming in August on a Friday afternoon.

Dan reported that Tom Nicholas is on the nominating committee and will be reaching out to a couple of the other board members for assistance. Tom is also working on scheduling a By-Law meeting with committee members.

Interim Executive Director - Blanche reported that she worked on and provided the NYACDEA' with the resolution they had requested as it relates to the wording of the Part C funds.

Blanche was contacted by Lee Supply Company and they are looking to setup an exhibit at the annual NYACD meeting. Blanche provided John the necessary information, but has not heard back from him. As time becomes closer Blanche will reach out to him.

Blanche reported she has talked with Senator Pamela Helming's aid, Aaron regarding the Waterfront Revitalization Bill and the new Part C resolution. Blanche is waiting for further information.

Blanche reported the main concern at this moment is setting up training sessions for the annual meeting. Ron suggested contacting Jim Lieberum regarding invasive species and what they are doing to remove them. Chuck suggested a panel discussion from Districts and what they are doing differently as it relates to their programs.

Dan inquired if Mike Brown had contacted Blanche and she stated she has reached out to him twice, but no return messages or calls. Dan ask Blanche to reach out again to Mike and if no word let him know and he will reach out to Mike.

Division Director & Representatives –

- a. Division I - Jim reported a Division I meet will be held tomorrow evening, July 20th at 6:00 pm.
- b. Division II – No report
- c. Division III – No report
- d. Division IV - Ernie reported that there was nothing to report.
- e. Division V – No report
- f. Division VI – No report
- g. Division VII – No report
- h. Division VIII – No report

Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee** - Nothing new to report
- b. **Public Affairs/Communications** – Nothing to report
- c. **Long Range Planning** – Nothing to report
- d. **Legislative** – Nothing to report
- e. **Resolutions & By-Laws** – Chuck Colby, Tom Nichols and Lindsey Gerstenslger, Wayne Co. SWCD will have a teleconference meeting August 3rd at 1 p.m.
- f. **Education & Envirothon** – August meeting will be held on the 22nd in Steuben SWCD office.

- g. **NYS SWCC:** Ron reported that Bob Brower will be retiring and three other State committee employees will be splitting Bob's duties until replacement has been hired to replace Bob.

Ron reported there were 125 grants issued with 47 of them being manure pits, which are ranking hit on the grant application process. There is an additional \$50,000 in the funding pot to be distributed.

Part C funds will not be allowed to be used for a vehicle. Districts who wish to use their Part C funds for a new vehicle will need to complete necessary state paperwork to request and have approval before purchasing the vehicle.

Judy Littrell has been hired by NYS SWCC as a contracted staff person for the educational person.

- VII. Old Business** – Blanche reported that the NYACD Annual meeting is coming together and a work in progress. Blanche is waiting for a return call from the American Legion of Cazenovia. Dan stated that in the past we have provided breakfast for the folks with the legion.

- VIII. New Business:** Ron Montesi & Bill Peoples commented on how the weekly reports were helpful and very good job.

IX. Adjournment:

- *A motion was made by Ron Montesi second by Scott Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Carried. #7/19/2017 = E*

- X. Next Meeting Teleconference:** The date has been changed to Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Motions July 19, 2017 Meeting:

#7/19/2017 = A	<i>Approval June Minutes</i>
#7/19/2017 = B	<i>Approval July Finances</i>
#7/19/2017 = C	<i>Approval Bill Payments</i>
#7/19/2017 = D	<i>Approval 2018 Budget</i>
#7/19/2017 = E	<i>Approval Adjourn</i>