



Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

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MONTHLY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Location: 254 Goddard Road Lewiston, ME 04240

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 10:10 am

Presentations:

1. Bates College Presentation- Katherine, Will, and Madeline
2. Jeff Stern- Annual Presentation
 - Poland Tripp Lake- mostly done at this point. Project included infiltration steps, settling pond to catch runoff, rip rap, plantings, and Maine DOT put in curbing. Done to remediate erosion from uncontrolled access to the beach and uncontrolled stormwater runoff.
 - Lake Auburn 319- close to finishing grant and in the reporting phase.
 - EBJTV- primary goal is to improve fish passage. Sue Gammon had sites in Turner but the Town of Turner decided to back out, primarily for cost reasons. Remaining funding will go towards going back out to the log driving dam site in June 2018 to remove what is remaining.
 - TA- Jeff Stern recommends that for cost benefit purposes the District moves away from having him as a contractor and takes that responsibility in house.

Reports:

1. District Conservationist Report
 - Local Working Group- try to have the meeting in January so that chores and good weather have passed.
 - Send out a mailing that has a questionnaire to see what would be the reason that a farmer would choose to attend.
 - "What would motivate you to attend your County's next Local Working Group Meeting? Please be specific."
 - Supervisors could be assigned to call 10 people to come to the LWG meeting.
 - Could host the LWG at a farm
 - Ask farmers about other farmers to contact
 - Call farmers about meeting instead of doing regular outreach
 - Door-to-door visits instead of doing regular outreach

What is it that farmers need that NRCS cannot provide?

- Equipment
 - Barns and structures updated
 - Consumer education about local food and the economy
 - Public outreach- "meet your farmer" event
2. District Manager Annual Report
 - Send the front page of the report to the Andro and Sag Commissioners
 - Bring the front page to the Ag Trade Show

Action Items:

1. Minutes of Last Meeting
 - Paul motions to accept. Mark 2nds. All in favor.
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance Sheet
 - b. Profit and Loss
 - Katie motions to accept financials as it. Paul 2nds. All in favor.
3. MACD Dues
 - Katie motions to pay 4th Quarter 2017 MACD dues. Mark 2nds. All in favor.

4. 2018 NRCS Operating Agreement
 - Mark motions for Paul to sign the 2018 Operating Agreement between NRCS and AVSWCD. Paul 2nds. All in favor.
5. Election Results and Appointment of Chairman
 - Steve Sinisi has been elected as a Supervisor of the Board for a term of three years beginning January 1, 2018.
 - Katie motions that Steve Sinisi is appointed Chairman of the AVSWCD Board of Supervisors. Paul 2nds. All in favor.
 - Katie motions that the Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer all remain in their respective positions. Paul 2nds. All in favor.

Discussion:

1. Operating Manual
2. 2018 Budget
3. Annual Plan of Operations
 - Josie requested that the Supervisors take a look over this and offer any suggestions to the District plan for 2018 by the next Board Meeting.
4. Time and Tide
 - See notes attached

Next Meeting:

Please reply letting me know if this works for you or not. Thank you!

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Executive Session 10:00am- 10:30am

Regular Meeting 10:30am-12:00pm

ADJOURN TIME:

- Katie motions to adjourn at 12:10pm. Mark 2nds. All in favor.