



***Finger Lakes***  
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The Finger Lakes RC&D Council Meeting was held Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at the Schuyler County Rural Urban Center, Montour Falls, NY.

In attendance:

Guest:

John Hicks, Rep. from Sen. Kuhl's ofc.

*Chemung Co.*

Ken Bush, S&WCD Rep.

*Ontario Co.*

Tom DeRue, S&WCD Rep.

Sam Casella, Board of Supervisors Rep.

*Schuyler Co.*

Wayne Dimmick, S&WCD Rep.

Glen Larison, Schuyler Co. Legislature, Alternate

Suzanne Learn, Alternate Member @ Large

*Seneca Co.*

David Kaiser, Seneca Bd. of Supervisor. Rep.

Jim Malyj, S&WCD Rep.

Frank Sinicropi, Member @ Large

*Steuben Co.*

Greg Heffner, Alternate Legislature Rep.

Lola Tears, Legislature Rep.

*Yates Co.*

Marion Balyszak, Member @ Large

Taylor Fitch, Legislature Rep.

Barb McGuffie, Alternate Member @ Large

*RC&D Staff*

Joyce Baxter

Dick Winnett

**Meeting called to order** by President Lola Tears @ 1:00 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes** – *Tom DeRue moved and Glenn Larison seconded to accept minutes as written. Carried.*

**Treasurer's Report** – *Greg Heffner moved and Glenn Larison seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.*

## Communications

- a) Nat'l Assoc. of RC&Ds re: Increase of yearly dues from \$350.00 to \$400.00.
- b) Notice of National Conservation Partnership Diversity Conference – Dallas, Texas, 11/30-12/2/2004

*Introduction of John Hicks, representing Senator Kuhl's office.*

## County Reports

**Chemung:** Ken Bush reported that Mark Watts is out in the field today with NRCS Engineer inspecting dams in Chemung Co.

- b) Finishing up work before winter sets in.

**Ontario:** Tom DeRue reported things are starting to slow down after a busy construction season with all programs to include Ag. Implementation, roadbank stabilization, and septic system inspections.

- b) Edith Davey, Ontario SWCD Education person is working on a proposal under the Great Lakes Program Office Erosion and Sediment Control Program grant “Emphasis area in the grant is Phase II guidelines and the local responsibilities under the general permits”.
- c) RE: developing a power point presentation specifically targeting local municipal boards.
- d) Completed two proposals under Ag. Round XI, one is a joint project with Yates Co. S&WCD
- e) Working on SARA grant proposal related to improving our GIS capabilities

Tom encourages all Districts to look at packet of mini-grants and make proposals to keep the program moving. An example of performance based funding as opposed to reimbursement.

- a) e) Bob Stryker working with John Lacey, NYS Ag. & Markets, on farm land issues relative to the Engineer Pipeline Connector.

**Schuyler:** Suzanne Learn reported Lloyd has SARE grant done. Scanning maps.

- b) EPA – 1 grant closed, 2<sup>nd</sup> grant waiting to close (waiting on budget).

**Seneca:** Jim Malyj reported finished a road bank stabilization project on Cayuga Lake Road.

- b) Have taken over the on-sight waste water treatment program for county.
- c) Lake shore improvements on-going (permits-bulkheads/docks, etc.)

**Steuben:** Dick reported that District is very heavily engaged in with storm damage repair work from 4 storms. Over \$10 million dollars of damage resulted from the storms.

**Yates:** Marion Balyszak highlighted the following:

- a) Continuing work on Agricultural Implementation grants for both Keuka Lake Watershed and the Central Lowlands (Flint Creek and Seneca Lake Watershed).
- b) Continuing to work on the ongoing Stormwater Management Project funded through the Great Lakes Commission.
- c) Stormwater Project – ongoing. Contractor workshops early 2005. Completing CD-Rom re: stormwater) to be provided to municipal government, partners, soil & water districts, etc.

- d) In conjunction with Stormwater Management and mini-grants Yates Resource Alliance will be applying for a mini-grant to do the gap analysis of stormwater for the Yates Co. sector meshing with 3 lake watersheds (Canandaigua, Keuka, & Seneca Lakes).
- e) In January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> will be contractor certifications on-site waste water workshops for Keuka & Seneca Lake Watersheds.
- f) Empire Pipeline Project

**Coordinator's Report** (Dick reviewed handout - available upon request)

- a) Fluvial Geomorphology
- b) Venison Donation Coalition has been incorporated. Dick updated the Council on the Officers and the progress of the Coalition.

**NRCS Report** – No Report

**Old Business**

- a) RC&D Coordinators Responsibilities: (Handout) – Dick reviewed with the Council the RC&D Coordinator's responsibilities per NRCS.

**New Business**

- a) Financial Management Proposal between Finger Lakes RC&D Council and Wheat Lehman & Fitzpatrick, CPA.

*Glenn Larison motioned and seconded by Sam Cassella to enter into a contract (3 month probationary period- starting January 1, 2005) with Wheat Lehman & Fitzpatrick to provide technical (office) assistance at \$45.00/hr. (2-3/hrs. per week) to the Council for the purpose of handling the bills and other money matters. Carried.*

**Other Business** - No other Business

**Approval/Cancellation of Measures** – No new measures

**Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting** – Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at the Rural Urban Center, Montour Falls, NY.

*Greg Heffner moved and Wayne Dimmick seconded to adjourn meeting at 2:15 p.m. Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Joyce Baxter*

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