



***Finger Lakes***  
***Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.***

CHEMUNG, ONTARIO, SCHUYLER, SENECA, STEUBEN, AND YATES COUNTIES, NEW YORK

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The Finger Lakes RG&D Council Meeting was held Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at the Schuyler County Rural Urban Center, Montour Falls, NY.

In attendance:

*Chemung County*

Ken Bush, SWCD Rep.

*Ontario County*

Sam Cassella, Board of Supervisors' Rep.

Doris Kenny, SWCD alternate

*Schuyler County*

Wayne Dimmick, SWCD Rep.

Glenn Larison, Legislature alternate

Jim Ochterski, Legislature Rep.

Elaine Dalrymple, Member @ Large

*Seneca County*

Jim Malyj, SWCD Rep.

Frank Sinicropi, Board of Supervisors' Rep.

Lola Tears, Legislature Rep.

Ernie Swift, SWCO Rep.

*Yates County*

Barb McGuffie Member @ Large

Taylor Fitch, Legislature Rep.

Deborah Flood, Legislature Rep.

Al McGuffie, NRCS

*RC&D Office Staff*

Dick Winnett, RC&D Coordinator

*Guest*

Suzanne Learn, Temporary Secretary

**Meeting called to order by President Lola @ 1:02 PM**

**Approval of minutes** – Greg Heffner moved and seconded by Ernie Swift to accept the minutes as written. Carried

**Treasurer's Report** – Greg Heffner, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report. Wayne Dimmick moved and Greg Heffner seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Carried

### **Communications**

- a) Flyer announcing Pasture Expo on 3/30/05 @ Jordan Hall, Geneva Experiment station, Geneva, NY. The Council is a co-sponsor.
- b) NCRS this week February 2, 2005. The Council's Finger Lakes Grazing Advocacy Project was featured on NRCS' website
- c) Notice from Ontario Co. Board of Supervisors that Sam Cassella had been reappointed to The Finger Lakes RC&D Council.

### **Nominating Committee's Report by Jim Malyj**

Recommendations as follows:

President – Lola Tears

Vice President – Ken Bush

Secretary – Wayne Dimmick

Treasurer – Greg Heffner

Mark Watts moved to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the State of Officers, Seconded by Frank Sinicropi. Carried

### **County Reports**

Chemung presented by Mark Watts

1. SWCD has completed its AEM Strategy and submitted it to the NYSS&WCC.
2. Staff will be attending Water Quality Symposium in Rochester and will make a presentation on the SWCD's Lidar program.
3. On April 27<sup>th</sup> two NYSDEC representatives will be making a presentation on gas well drilling to County agencies personnel.

### **Ontario presented by Doris Kenny**

1. Doris as well as WSCD directors Maggie Atkins and Mary Beth Goodwin attended Legislative Day in Albany and had six appointments with State Legislators.
2. The District is closing our one Nonpoint Source pollution Ag. Grant (Canandaigua Phase IV) and preparing plans of work for two new

implementation Grants through the NYS Nonpoint pollution Ag. Program. The first is in the County's Northern Watershed and the second is in the Seneca Lake/Flint Creek Watersheds.

3. The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission has agreed to hire a part time assistant Water Shed Inspector because of increased work loads.
4. The SWCD Staff is busy with the annual Tree & Shrub Program, site plan reviews and preparing for the upcoming construction season.
5. The District is assisting two Honeoye Lake Watershed groups with nutrient management activities.