



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

The Finger Lakes RC & D Council Meeting was held Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Steamboat Landing Restaurant Canandaigua, NY

In Attendance:

### Chemung County

Ken Bush, SWCD Rep

### Ontario County

Tom DeRue, SWCD Rep

Doris Kenny, SWCD Rep (Alternate)

Sam Casella, Board of Supervisors Rep

### Schuyler County

Glenn Larison, Legislature Rep (Alternate)

Elaine Dalrymple, SWCD Rep

### Seneca County

Jim Malyj, SWCD Rep

Frank Sinicropi, Board of Supervisors Rep

### Steuben County

Lola Tears, Legislature Rep

Greg Heffner, Legislature Rep (Alternate)

Jeff Parker, SWCD Rep

Ernie Swift, SWCD Rep

### Yates County

Taylor Fitch, Legislature Rep

### RC&D Staff

Dick Winnett, Coordinator, Finger Lakes RC&D Coordinator

Cheryl Faucett, Finger Lakes RC&D Secretary

### Guests

Greg Fuerst, NYSDEC

Bill Henning, Cornell University, Small Farms Program

Nancy Glazier, CCE, NW NY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Team

Bernardina Torrey, NY Federation of RC&D Councils, President

Dennis DeWeese, NRCS, Asst State Conservationist

Mark Grennan, NRCS, Area conservationist, Area II

Mark Alger, Steuben County Administrator

**Meeting called to order** by President, Lola Tears at **1:10 P.M.**

### Introduction of Guests:

*Lola asked everyone to introduce themselves.*

### Approval of Minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Council Meeting:

**Glenn Larison moved to approve, seconded by Ernie Swift** and carried to accept the Council meeting minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Greg Heffner reviewed the financial statements dated March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. **Frank Sinicropi moved to approve, seconded by Sam Casella** and carried to approve both Treasurer's Reports.

**Communications:**

– Seneca Trail RC&D sent a letter of Thanks for the \$200.00 contribution for the NY Grassland Evaluation Contest and informed the Council that the winning team was from Penn Yan, NY

**Presentation of 2007-2008 Budget:**

**Taylor Fitch moved to approve, seconded by Sam Casella** and carried to approve the 2007-2008 Budget

**Recognition of Members-Length of Service**

- Tom DeRue – 9 years
- Tom Tomsa – 5 years
- Glenn Larison – 5 years

**County Report:**

*There were no county reports:*

**Comments from Federal & State Legislators:**

*No Representatives*

**NRCS Report:**

- Dennis DeWeese spoke to Council and congratulated the Council on 35 yrs of service, introduced Mark Grennan, NRCS, Program Manager and Bernardina Torrey, State President of the NY Federation of RC&D Councils

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FL RC&D Council:**

- Handout provided to Council.

**Old Business:**

- Executive Session/Secretary for FL RC&D Council – Reported that based on a poll thru the internet to the Board & Members it was unanimously voted that the Council hire Cheryl Faucett at \$15.00/hr for a maximum of 20 hours per week. Included are 20 hours of personal/sick leave. Also, 36 hours for 9 paid Holidays

**New Business:**

- Legislative Alert – The NARC&DC announced that Representative Zack Space of Ohio has introduced HR 2235, the Resource Conservation and Community Development Enhancement Act. The NARC&DC worked with Rep Space to draft a bill which incorporates our recommendations for Changes to the RC&D program in the Farm Bill.
- Bernardina Torrey mentioned that Kristin Gillibrand, House of Representative is working to co-sponsor this Bill, Kristin is also on the House Ag Committee

**Other Business:**

- Ken Bush thanked the Council for allowing him & his wife to attend the Federation's Annual Conference in Hamilton.

**Approval/Cancellation Projects (measures): 2007-2008 Venison Donation Program; Solar Powered Livestock Watering Systems; Pesticide Management for High Valued Crops**  
*Motion to accept all three Projects was made by Greg Heffner and seconded by Ken Bush, carried.*

Next meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on July 18, 2007, Schuyler Co. Rural Urban Center, Montour Falls, NY

***Ken Bush made a motion to adjourn at 1:35pm and was seconded by Sam Casella, Carried.***