



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

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

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The Finger Lakes RC&D Council Meeting was held Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at the Rural Urban Center, Montour Falls, NY.

In attendance:

Chemung Co.

Ken Bush, S&WCD Rep.

John Flory, Legislature Rep.

Mark Watts, S&WCD Rep.

Ontario Co.

Tom DeRue, S&WCD Rep.

David Morier, NRCS

Schuyler Co.

Elaine Dalrymple, S&WCD Rep.

Wayne Dimmick, S&WCD Rep.

Charlie Fausold, Schuyler Co. Legislature Rep.

Seneca Co.

Jim Malyj, S&WCD Rep.

Steuben Co.

Lola Tears

Greg Heffner, Alternate Legislature Rep.

Ernie Swift, S&WCD Rep.

Tom Tomsa, Member @ Large

Yates Co

Barb McGuffie, Member @ Large

Al McGuffie, NRCS

RC&D Staff

Dick Winnett

Joyce Baxter

Meeting called to order by Lola Tears, President

@ 1:08 P.M.

Approval of Minutes – *Wayne Dimmick moved and Ken Fausold seconded to accept minutes with the following correction on page 5 – 2nd paragraph to reflect “Barb McGuffie not Al McGuffie seconded the motion re: acknowledgment of letter received from Carnevale, Niles, Whitney, and Davis regarding the New Standards of Auditing and approved the 15%-20% (\$200/300) increase in payment that Council will pay for the Annual Audit.” Carried.*

Treasurer’s Report – Greg Heffner reviewed the treasurer’s report.

Greg Heffner motioned and Ken Bush seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

D. Winnett introduced David Morier, D.C., NRCS, Canandaigua (Ontario Co.). **WELCOME DAVE!**

Communications

- a) Received notification from the Seneca Co. Board of Supervisors they have appointed two members to the Finger Lakes Executive Council, Inc. David Kaiser as the Board of Supervisors Rep. and Frank Sinicropi as the Member @ Large
- b) Letter from Yates Co. Legislature appointing Taylor Fitch and Deborah Flood as Legislative Reps.
- c) Nat'l. Assoc. of RC&D Council FY05 Appropriations (handout).
- d) Sharon Ruggi has been elected President of the Nat'l. Assoc. of RC&D Councils.
- e) Received a copy of a Resolution from the Steuben Co. Legislature re-appointing Lola Tears appointment to the Council and Greg Heffner as Alternate

Nominating Committee – Barb McGuffie announced the Committees selection for Finger Lakes RC&D Council. The Secretary cast one vote for the appointment of Lola Tears, President, Ken Bush, Vice President, Wayne Dimmick, Secretary and Greg Heffner, Treasurer.

Coordinator's Report – D. Winnett highlighted handout (available upon request).

- *Managing Financial Risks Through Improved Farm Financial Management* – Received word in early February that the proposal had been funded. (Council will administer the grant.)
- *Seneca Lake Watershed Forestland Outreach Program* – D. Winnett is very impressed with Jim Octerski (Schuyler Co. CCE) initial draft of the CD-Rom. (3 workshops will be held in April – refer to handout)
- *Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative* – NYS GLCI presented Dick Winnett with a Pioneer Grazier Award at the Grasstravaganza, Binghamton, NY on 2/27-28/04. **Congratulation Dick!**
- *Venison Donation Coalition* – More than 92,000 lbs. of venison processed and distributed through the Coalition – 2003. Have secured a Merchant Acct. for the VDC – people will be able to make donations using a credit card via the website.

NRCS Report – Al McGuffie gave a brief update on the activity of the Farm Bill programs. NRCS offices working with the new program “Customer Service Toolkit”.

Old Business

2004-200 Annual Plan of Operations – Mark Watts moved and Elaine Dalrymple 2nd to accept Annual Plan of Operations as presented. Carried.

NY Federation of RC&D Councils Annual Meeting - 3/18-19/04, Saratoga Springs, New York – D. Winnett, G. Fuerst, B. McGuffie, K. Bush and wife will attend the meeting. Will report happenings at May meeting.

Financial Policy – D. Winnett handed out a draft of the new financial policy for review. D. Winnett asked John Flory to review. Action to be taken at the next meeting.

Budget Committee – Committee (C. Fausold, G. Heffner, and D. Winnett) working on a draft of Budget. Will present draft at May meeting.

Circle of Diamonds – Application has been submitted.

RC&D Website – D. Winnett working with Steuben Co. CCE – Tom Tomsa and staff to construct and transfer files website. Cost to Council should be approximately \$50.00/page. (handout of other Council web pages).

New Business

Renewal of Contract between NY Federation of RC&D Councils and the Finger Lakes RC&D Council re: Venison Donation Program. It has been recommended to terminate existing contract (dollars have been spent) and draft a new contract/agreement (\$66,000.00 over two years).

Greg Heffner moved and Ken Bush 2nd the Finger Lakes RC&D Council, Inc. to enter into a new contract with NY Federation of RC&D Councils re: Venison Donation Program. Carried.

Other Business

Review of Civil Rights Policy which Encourages Diversity - Brief overview and handout presented to Council.

Approval/Cancellation of Measures

John Flory moved and Ernie Swift seconded and it was carried to accept the following project (measure). Carried.

- a) Practical Fluvial Geomorphology (stream stabilization) Workshops.

Other Business

Submission of Budget at May Meeting – It was the Consensus of the Council that the Budget will be submitted at the May meeting.

Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at the Rural Urban Center, Montour Falls, NY @ 1:00 p.m.

John Flory moved and Ernie Swift seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Baxter