



Finger Lakes
Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
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The Finger Lakes RC&D Council's Annual Luncheon was held Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at Sarrasin's on the Lake Restaurant, Penn Yan, New York.

In attendance:

Guests:

Sheelagh Bailey, President, NY Federation of RC&D Councils
Roy Butler, Four Winds Renewable Energy
Dennis Oliver, Four Winds Renewable Energy
Mark Alger, Administrator, Steuben Co.
Mrs. John Flory
Greg Fuerst, Wildlife Specialist, NYS DEC
Bill Henning, Cornell University's NW NY Dairy Team, Livestock & Field Crops Team
Larry Lewis, Yates Co. S&WCD
Velynda Risley, Steuben Co. S&WCD
Bob Stryker, Ontario Co. S&WCD
John Wildeman, Grazing Advocate

Members:

Chemung Co.

Ken Bush, S&WCD Rep.
John Flory, Legislature Rep.
Karen Tillotson, Alternate Member @ Large

Ontario Co.

Tom DeRue, S&WCD
Sam Casella, Board of Supervisors
Schuyler Co.

Elaine Dalrymple, Member @ Large
Wayne Dimmick, S&WCD Rep.
Charlie Fausold, Legislature Rep.

Seneca Co.

Jim Malyj, S&WCD Rep.
Nancy O'Connor, Alternate S&WCD Rep.
Frank Sinicropi, Member @ Large

Steuben Co.

Greg Heffner, Alternate Rep. of County Legislature
Ernie Swift, S&WCD Rep.
Lola Tears, Rep. of County Legislature

Yates Co.

Marion Balyszak, S&WCD Rep.
Taylor Fitch, Legislature Rep.
Deborah Flood, Legislature Rep.

Yates Co.

Barbara McGuffie, Member @ Large
Les Travis, S&WCD Rep.

RC&D Staff

Joyce Baxter
Dick Winnett

Lola Tears, President called the Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Introduction of Guests and Members

Approval of Minutes: *John Flory moved and Greg Heffner seconded to approve minutes as written. Carried.*

Approval of Treasurer's Report: *Greg Heffner moved and Ken Bush seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Carried.*

Approval of 2004-2005 Budget: *Charlie Fausold moved and Ernie Swift seconded to approve the 2004-2005 as presented. Carried.*

Length of Service Awards

Jim Malyj – 15 yrs.

Ken Bush – 10 yrs.

Lola Tears – 10 yrs.

Greg Heffner – 5 yrs.

Marion Balyszak – 5 yrs.

Jeff Parker – 5 yrs.

A Thank You Award went to Nancy O'Connor, Seneca Co. S&WCD for her continued assistance and support to the Finger Lakes RC&D Council.

Solar Powered Livestock Presentation and Update by Roy Butler and Dennis Oliver, Four Winds Renewable Energy.

Comments from Sheelagh Baily, President, NY Federation of RC&D Councils – Sheelagh gave a brief update re: the Federations interests and goals.

S. Baily congratulated Dick Winnett, Greg Fuerst, and the Council on their very successful Venison Donation Program.

NRCS Report – No Report

Old Business

- a) **Circle of Diamonds** – D. Winnett reported that the Council received word that we are officially a member of the Nat'l. Assoc. of RC&D Councils' Circle of Diamonds.
- b) **NY Federation of RC&D Councils Annual Meeting – 3/18 & 3/19/04, Saratoga Springs, NY.** Barbara McGuffie reported that she found the meeting very enlightening. She encouraged other Council members to attend these meetings if they have the opportunity. She thanked the Council for allowing her to represent them at the meeting.

Ken Bush reported that a lot has been accomplished by the Federation in the past year. He also thanked the Council for allowing him to attend the meetings on their behalf. Ken mentioned the Federation updated its By-Laws and he participated in a Strategic Planning session.

- c) **Presentation & Approval of the Financial Policy** – John Flory presented the Financial Policy. J. Flory had an attorney/CPA review the policy and they both thought it was well written.

*J. Flory moved to accept and Wayne Dimmick seconded the Financial Policy as written.
Carried.*

- d) **RC&D Website Update** – D. Winnett reported that the Council has entered into an agreement with Steuben Co. Cooperative Extension on setting up and maintaining the Council's website. Cost will be (\$500.00/\$700.00) which is within the Council's budget.

New Business

- a) **Appointment of Civil Rights Policy Committee:** Frank Sinicropi and Elaine Dalrymple agreed to serve on the Committee and D. Winnett will assist.
- b) **Appointment of Drug Free Workplace Committee** – Frank Sinicropi and Greg Heffner agreed to serve on the Committee and D. Winnett will assist.

Other Business

- a) **Mid-Atlantic RC&D Council Annual Meeting, Wheeling, West Virginia, September 1, 2, & 3, 2004.**

John Flory moved and Nancy O'Connor seconded to approve up to three members to attend the meeting at an approx. cost of \$1200-\$1500.00.

Ken Bush and his wife, Virginia will attend on behalf of the Council, D. Winnett will call a few others to see if they have an interest and if it fits into their schedule.

- b) D. Winnett reported that Greg Fuerst, Greg Heffner, and he attended a Venison Donation Coalition meeting at the Finger Lakes National Forest's Ranger Office in Hector, N.Y. to discuss the prospect of securing Corporate funding. Other topics of conversation the continued pursuit of a non-profit status for the Corporation. The Coalition has been incorporated.

Approval/Cancellation of Projects (measures)

Greg Heffner moved and Ken Bush seconded to approve the following project (measures):

- a) Enhancing Grassland Bird Habitat Through Grazing (Nat'l. Fish & Wildlife Foundation)
b) Cohocton River Streambank Stabilization Project (FishAmerica Foundation.)
c) 2004 GLCI (USDA funded - \$25,000.00).

Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting – **July 21, 2004** – 1:00 p.m., Schuyler County Rural Urban Center Auditorium, Montour Falls, NY

Adjournment: With no other business *John Flory moved; Ken Bush seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Baxter

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