

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

9:30 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Robin K. Lattimer, Chair Aaron I. Mullen	K. Michael Hanna, Vice Chair Thomas J. Ryan	Hilda T. Lando
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Jennifer Prossick	Eric Rose Amy Dlugos	Langdon Holmes
LEGISLATORS:	Joseph J. Hauryski John V. Malter	Carol A. Ferratella Frederick G. Potter	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Scott J. Van Etten
OTHERS:	Mary Perham Jeff Parker, District Manager, Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Mrs. Chapman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Weights & Measures

1. **Wyoming County Contract Extension** – Mr. Holmes informed the committee that they have been covering Wyoming County while their Director has been out on medical leave. The Director has not been cleared to return to work, so they are asking us to extend the contract until his return. Mr. Holmes explained they are not asking us to do any testing, but are asking that we just be available in case something comes up, such as an investigation or if an official action needs to be taken. Mr. Wheeler recommended extending for a period of two months.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WYOMING COUNTY FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO MONTHS THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019, MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCIES

A. Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Update on 2018 Streambank Program** – Mr. Parker stated last year the County provided two allocations of \$75,000 each. He distributed a handout showing the projects that were completed with the original allocation, and then the secondary allocation as a result of significant storm damage. He also provided a handout showing the schedule for the 2019 program. Mr. Parker commented that the Town of Lindley, Watson Creek Road and Ryers Creek Road are projects that were the result of last year's storm damage but were not completed by NYSDOT. In the State Budget, funding for Soil & Water Districts was included under a Part C category

which is project related. There may be funds available in that category that he could use to offset the cost of these two projects.

Mr. Parker explained this list only represents those projects where we needed to purchase materials. There are additional projects under shared services, which are not included on this list. With this list, we will be able to use \$98,000 from the Cohocton River Grant. We also have other work which encompasses about 60 projects that will need to be done. We generally do between 37 – 40 projects annually.

Mr. Van Etten asked if there is not enough funding in Part C of the budget to cover the Watson Creek Road and Ryers Creek Road projects, will the Town of Lindley have to fund it? Mr. Parker replied they can fund it through the 75/25 program which would reduce their cost quite a bit. He stated he has the availability to use the 75 percent cost out of the Part C program; at least that is his thought right now. Either way, the Town will need to get those projects done.

Mr. Potter asked when the Towns are doing projects under the 75/25 program, if the Town contributes equipment and manpower, does that count? Mr. Parker replied no, that is in addition to. The 25 percent is covering the cost of materials. The municipality is responsible for backfill and trucks if necessary.

2. **Personnel** – Mr. Parker announced that Jonathan Barter is now working with field crops, so he will no longer be working in our office. Mr. Van Etten asked do you have a succession plan in place for when you are ready to retire? Mr. Parker replied there is one individual that he is hoping to get into more of the field administration work. He would ideally like to have one field administrator and one office administrator. He stated that he has worked for the District for 32 years.

3. **Annual Meeting** – Mr. Parker announced at our annual meeting in December, we presented the Cooperator of the Year Award. This year's recipient was Robert Dale Farms out of Dansville. This award has been given out annually since 1965. The criteria for the award is we are looking at farms who are working with our association or Natural Resource Conservation Services to implement processes to stop soil erosion, build a better land base and be a good steward of the land.

4. **Funds Brought In** – Mr. Parker distributed a handout showing the various funding sources, including grant funds. In 2018, \$2,970,860 of funding was received to help landowners implement Best Management Practices. For every dollar appropriated by the County, the District brought \$18.72 back into the County in funding. He commented that they received \$770,000 through the CAFO Waste Management Grant to explore new strategies and practices for spreading manure on frozen ground. They had 108 contracts under federal funding and all of those dollars go directly to the landowners.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Annex Office Building* – Mrs. Ferratella asked are there still things that need to be finished at the Annex Building? Mr. Rose replied we are pretty much done at this point. We are getting some training on some equipment that is different than what we have in the other buildings. Mr. Hauryski commented that if any of the Legislators have not been in the Annex since the opening, there is now a dedication plaque in the entrance to the building.

B. *Court Space* – Mrs. Lando asked when will the plans start to change the building around for the courts? Mr. Wheeler replied LaBella has already started doing work on the programming to verify the blueprints and square footage. It will be a few months before we will get the detailed drawings.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Legislative Committee Room
9:30 a.m.**

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Wednesday, January 30, 2019**