

**Schenectady County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2024**

Present: Steven Ruther, Michael Pileggi, B. Donald Ackerman, Sara Mae Pratt, Eric Hess,  
Nicholas Klemczak, Joe Braun, Paula Schaeffer

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The meeting was **called to order** 10:05 am by Michael Pileggi, Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Ruther was delayed due to road construction.

**Privilege of the Floor:** none

Michael Pileggi asked for a **motion to approve** the February Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve made by Sara Mae Pratt, seconded by Donald Ackerman. Motion carried.

**Financial**

The **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. Michael Pileggi asked for a motion to approve the report. Eric Hess motioned to approve, seconded by Donald Ackerman. Motion carried.

The **Paid Bills Report** was reviewed. Michael Pileggi asked for a motion to approve the report. Motioned by Sara Mae Pratt, seconded by Eric Hess. Motion carried.

**2024 Fishing Derby:** Nicholas asked the Directors to approve \$250.00 to be spent by the District for expenses. Michael Pileggi asked for a motion to approve. Donald Ackerman motioned, seconded by Sara Mae Pratt. Motion carried.

**Program Reports** (complete reports on file)

**Scott Fickbohm, NYS SWCC:** Nicholas emailed his report with the meeting information.

**Nicholas Klemczak, Executive Director**      **Report Highlights:**

- Fuel filter clogged with metal shavings on the new Grinder. Vermeer contacted and completed a 50 hour service inspection;
- Receiving millings from County Airport;
- Auctioning old equipment;
- Hyundai loader turbo failed, A Montano repaired and inspected;
- We installed concrete pads for bike path maps;
- Fishing Derby Event preparations under way;
- Planted trees at GE Realty Plot, Iroquois Middle School, DEPW and at the bike path water fountains;
- Tree and Shrub sale items all prepared and ready for pick-up;
- Trees for the County Tree give away was a success;
- Nicholas' first meeting as Division Representative will be on May 30 and 31, 2024;
- Provided Good Housekeeping training to DEPW staff by Nicholas;
- Used the Fehr Farm compost on Zoller School's school garden on Earth Day;
- Discussion regarding ongoing Duane Lake septic/soil testing concerns and issues.

**Joe Braun, District Technician** gave a verbal update on three AEM projects, participation at the Envirothon event (Nick and he were judges), and his on-going work at the District Tree & Shrub preparation.

**Correspondence**

NYACD Annual Meeting scheduled for October 21 & 22 in Syracuse; Nicholas will send a list of virtual meetings to the Directors to participate in compliance with the Performance Measure requirements.

The **next meeting** is on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am at the District.

Steven Ruther asked for a **motion to adjourn** at 11:10 am.

Donald Ackerman motioned, seconded by Sara Mae Pratt. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Schaeffer  
Administrative Assistant