

**SENECA TRAIL RC&D
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2007
MINUTES**

President, Frederick Sinclair, called the annual business meeting of the Seneca Trail RC&D Council to order at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

Participants included:

Allegany County – Cavagna, Parmenter, Sinclair
Cattaraugus County – Ellis, Ormond
Chautauqua County –
Livingston County –
Wyoming County – Dominesey, Gozelski, McKurth
Seneca Nation of Indians –
District Staff –
NRCS Staff – Kurtis, Snyder, Wild
Interested Parties –

A quorum was present.

MINUTES – Motion made by Jim Ellis to approve the December 14, 2006 minutes. **Seconded** by Earl Dominesey. **Carried.**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Fred commented that this would be the last meeting he will be attending as a member of the RC&D Council and on a positive note, a heartfelt thank you to all fellow Council members and associates who work on behalf of the organization. This structure responds very well to positive and creative energy. It is a worthwhile tool for shaping and enhancement of our environment, our communities and our future. Use it wisely, be Spartan, assemble what and who you need to succeed and remember we are immersed in abundance awaiting your intention.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Recommendations from the Nominating Committee are as follows: Gregory McKurth – President, Colleen Cavagna – Vice-President, Lawrence Brown – Secretary/Treasurer and E. James Ellis – Assistant Treasurer. There being no further nominations a **motion** was made by Earl Dominesey to approve the slate of officers presented. **Seconded** by Joe Gozelski. **Carried.**

At this time Fred Sinclair turned the meeting over to the newly elected President, Greg McKurth. Greg commented on 3 goals he has coming in as President, those being:

1. Enhanced county and council member involvement,
2. A more active involvement from the Seneca Nation of Indians,
3. An increase in showcasing projects to County Legislatures and Board of Directors.

Greg announced that the Jamestown Audubon Society nominated Larry Brown for Volunteer for Conservation from the DAR... Larry was selected and will be honored at a luncheon at the Zion Lutheran Church, 45 Falconer Street, Frewsburg at Noon on Saturday, February 17th.

Greg thanked Fred Sinclair for his leadership and direction of the Council for the past several years and presented him with an inscribed pocket knife from the Council in appreciation of a job well done. **Motion** made by Earl Dominesey to invite Fred to stay on as an Allegany County representative. **Seconded** by Joe Gozelski. **Carried.** Fred

stated that he will be very active behind the scenes but he'll have to get back to us on that issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report was presented as prepared by R.A. Mercer. **Motion** made by Tom Parmenter to accept the Treasurer's Report pending an audit. **Seconded** by Fred Sinclair. **Carried.** **Motion** made by Joe Gozelski to pay bills totaling \$4,224.92. **Seconded** by Jim Ellis. **Carried.** **Motion** made by Jim Ellis to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to sign Form 1096 and submit them to the Internal Revenue Service. **Seconded** by Joe Gozelski. **Carried.**

ALLEGANY COUNTY REPORT – The Allegany County RC&D Committee has not met recently. However, Colleen reported that it has been cleared with County officials that upon Fred Sinclair leaving the Council that Colleen Cavagna will be appointed as a standing Committee representative. Colleen also commented on upcoming Alfred State College plans, the Genesee Valley Outdoor Education Center demonstration area and the installation of a cattle crossing on the Chuck Deichman farm. Report attached.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY REPORT – No written report available.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY REPORT – The Chautauqua County RC&D Committee met on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. A written report was presented. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2007. Report attached.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY REPORT – No written report available.

WYOMING COUNTY REPORT – The last Wyoming County RC&D Committee was held as a joint meeting with the Water Quality Committee on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. The joint meeting concept was well received and will be meeting again on Thursday, March 22, 2007.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT – RWA

DRY – At this time the Council approved the attached Resolution accepting contract #TM05091 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Further, the Council President, Gregory McKurth is hereby authorized and directed to sign and enter into the agreement for the Repair of Dry Hydrant Fire Protection Systems. **Motion** made by Colleen Cavagna to approve the attached Resolution. **Seconded** by Joe Gozelski. **Carried.**

RECTB

GEC – 2007 – handed out brochures. Need \$ for scholarships. Contest April 30, 2007 at Big Flats PMC.

OLD BUSINESS – The Council addressed the Long Range Plan. JoAnn presented a survey to be used to gain feedback to assist the Council in addressing natural resource concerns, identify opportunities for improvement and focus on specific critical needs in the five county area. The Council reviewed the survey and made suggestions for changes.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW PROJECT MEASURES – The Canadaway Creek Stream Bank Restoration Project Measure was presented for approval. Canadaway Creek, a prime trout stream

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