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State Committee Meeting
Department of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive
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Pride of New York Room (1st Floor)
May 27, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order / Introductions**
- 10:05 Review and Approve Minutes
- 10:10 Correspondence
- 10:15 Introduction to Judy Snyder, Division of Land and Water Resources Administrative Assistant
- 10:20 Division/SWCC Staffing – M. Latham
- 10:30 Ag NPS Abatement and Control Program
- Amendments – J. Snyder, M. Latham
 - Program Update – L. Lyons-Swift
 - AgNPS Data Management Needs – L. Lyons-Swift
 - Round 20 Ranked List Approval – Resolution 14-01 (see reverse side) – M. Latham
- 11:30 NRCS Phase 3 Training Recap – L. Prezorski
- 11:45 Soil Health Request for Proposals Report – L. Prezorski
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 12:45 State Aid to Districts – Part C Performance Measures – J. Clifford
- District Director Training Policy on new Director grace period (See page 3 for Draft Policy)
- 1:15 Discussion on Federal Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) with respect to the twenty-five percent of the funds and acres set aside for projects based on a State competitive process administered by the State Conservationist – G. Proios
- 1:45 Advisory Member Reports / Partnership Reports / Public Comments – All
- Advisory Member's please be prepared to discuss programs/research/initiatives that identify both specific critical state watershed needs, and implementation actions recommended by previous studies
- 2:30 Annual Plans of Work Approval – M. Latham
- 2:35 Next Meeting Date and Location – June 17, 2014 / State Office Building, Utica

Adjourn

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Round 20 Ranked List Approval – Resolution 14-01 (List is still pending. The list will be made available at the May 27, 2014 meeting)

MOTION:

That subject to the availability of funds, the Committee shall award funding, pursuant to Round 20 of the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Grant Program, for projects 1-92 in order ranked and in the amounts recommended by the advisory members of the Committee until funds available for this purpose are exhausted or the scoring threshold is reached, consistent with the Soil and Water Conservation District Law, the RFP, and any other law applicable to funding of such projects. Consistent with the RFP, the Committee authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Markets to negotiate the terms of the contract with the project sponsors and to make minor adjustments to the project description and budget as necessary to achieve project goals, conform to applicable laws and regulations, and to serve the best interests of the State.

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SWCC State Aid to Districts Policy Consideration
Performance Based Conservation Financial Assistance -
Part C Performance Measures

Performance Measure 1b: Training of District Board Members

PM 1b criteria – Districts must meet all three criteria to qualify for PM 1b

1. Develop or update Training Plans and Budget(s) for Board Members
2. Current (within 3 years) District Law Training for all Board Members
3. Each Board Member must complete one training topic identified in the Board Member(s) Training Plans

Background: Board Members are appointed throughout the year and for those appointed near the end of the year they may not always be able to participate in District Law training or attend/participate in a training event/topic to comply with the Performance Measure 1b Training of District Board Members.

Policy Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee consider a policy to allow for a grace period for training requirements for Board Members appointed within the last 60 days of the calendar year. The Performance Measure Evaluation Summary Report would require Districts to state the date of appointment for each Board Member and an exemption from the training requirements would be given to Board Members that fall within the grace period.

Intended Outcome of Policy: This grace period would no longer disqualify Districts from their eligibility towards Performance Measure 1 because of Board Members that did not receive required training due to the timing of their appointment to the SWCD Board of Directors.

Suggested Policy Language: It is the Policy of the NYSSWCC that Board Members appointed within the last sixty (60) days of the calendar year be exempt from meeting the training requirements for Performance Measure 1b – Training of District Board Members. Districts will be asked to indicate the appointment date of each Board Member on their Performance Measure Evaluation Summary Report in order to qualify for the training requirement exemption. The grace period will only be allowed for newly appointed Board Members who are appointed within the last sixty days of the calendar year for which the District is reporting on.