

Berkshire Conservation District Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM  
Remote Meeting  
Call-in number 1(646) 558-8656. Meeting ID: 505 943 8770 #

Minutes from Wednesday, November 4, 2020

1. Call to order at 5:03 and Determination of Quorum  
Present:  
Supervisors: Ron Kujawski (Vice Chair), David Ellis (Treasurer), Donna Kittredge (Secretary), Ned Kirschner  
Program Administrator: Cynthia Grippaldi  
NRCS Representative: Gary Blazejewski
2. Public Comment Period  
Ron opened the meeting and no members of the public were present.
3. NRCS Reporting/Comments from Gary Blazejewski  
Gary has been getting ready for the move downstairs and offered to help BCD with the move. NRCS will be getting cubicles and there is a plan for BCD to have cubicles, as well. Interest for next year so far is in improving grazing and pasture conditions.
4. Secretary's Report – Submitted by Donna Kittredge  
Ned motioned to approve the October 7, 2020 minutes, second by David. All in favor.
5. Treasurer's Report – Submitted by David Ellis  
Cynthia asked if she should transfer \$5,000 to our savings account so the account can gain some interest. All agreed and David will do that. Ned would like to see a column added to the report that shows items that have been submitted but are waiting for receipt. Ned motioned to approve the October 2020 Treasurer's Report, David second. All in favor.
6. District Supervisors  
There were no updates from supervisors.
7. Program Status
  - a. No-Till updates (FY 2020): Mike is out of town and there have been four rentals for cover crops during October. Ned suggested putting together a financial for the No-till for the Annual Report and discuss in December.
  - b. Nutrient Management update: Cynthia is talking to BEAT people. She and David are working on the Hinsdale outreach and education for residents around the lake.
  - c. Pollinator Grant update: We have been given permission to plant around the War Memorial at the Hinsdale Library. Because there was a change to the location of the pollinator garden, the plants purchased for it have been heeled in for winter awaiting planting in spring. We are not 100% committed to planting at the library and Cynthia can talk to the town administrator to look for other opportunities, if the Library location does not work out.

8. Program Administrator Update

- Cynthia and Ron have been working on finding additional supervisors. Ned asked if anyone has been in touch with any Farm Bureau members and Cynthia will check the website or she'll try contacting Holly.
- Regarding the two letters Cynthia received from NACD regarding membership, Ned motioned to send them \$25, second by Donna. All in favor.

9. New Business

- Comments about the two Mission Statements: Adam sent a draft and asked us to send comments to him for the December meeting.
- Continued discussion on holding a tree/seedling sale in spring 2021: Ron suggested that with COVID, having the sale for spring of 2021 might be stressful as ordering needs to be done in December and we need time to organize. We talked about upgrading the website for ordering and we need to determine the budget and amount of plant material to order.

10. Comments and Announcements

There were no comments or announcements.

11. Motion to adjourn at 5:49pm by David, second by Ron, all in favor.