

Stormwater Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 @ 2:00 PM
Soil & Water Conservation District Office

Present: Andy Avery, Kathy Szerszen, Chris Doane, Tom Whispel, Mark Watts, Jessica Verrigni, Mr. Carl, Nikole Watts, and Karen Tillotson.

Andy Avery called the meeting to order @ 2:35 PM.

Motion to approve November 9th, 2021 Minutes: *Motion by C. Doane to approve the October minutes as mailed. K. Szerszen seconded it. -motion carried*

Finance Report:

- **Review Treasurer's Report to File for Audit-November/Approve List of Bills**
-Motion made by T. Whispel approve the November treasurer's report to be filed for audit and approve the list of bills as presented. C. Doane seconded. -motion carried

Soil & Water Report: Mark Watts

- Thank you for the last thirteen years-committee and staff

Engineer's Report: Mr. Jimmie Joe Carl

- Hoffman Dam Site 18-working on the construction certification for the repair of the liner-waiting for information from contractor-project went well-company where liner was purchased has an engineer state side and he is writing up an article on the project
- O & M for Urgent Care in Elmira
- Town of Elmira -did the work through and photos of their flood control dams -completing their annual reports
- DPW Site-submitted the engineer report to Nancy Rice and would like to get started on the project-put in cost estimates for the pond
- Tompkins County SWCD-requested assistance for a stream job

Stormwater Technician: Jessica Verrigni

Items Completed:

Construction Sites Active and/or winding down:

- Preferred Landscape (Town of Big Flats)
- Lant Well Reclamation (Town of Veteran)
- Broz Well Reclamation (Town of Veteran) checking status of crushed pipe

WQIP Mapping Grant-

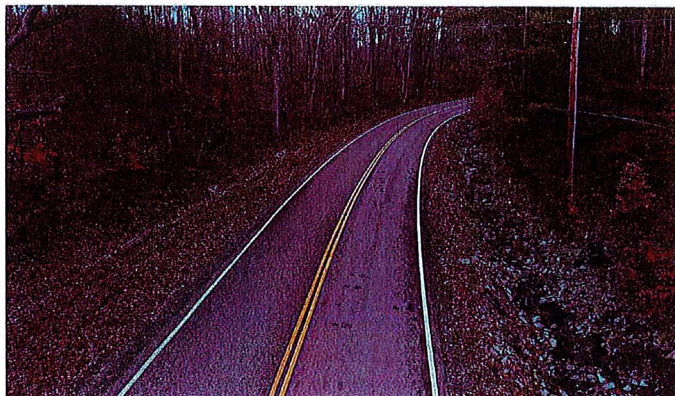
- Completed up to date reporting on the project including grant finances. Provided report to DEC
- Submitted a "no cost" time extension to DEC. The grant originally was supposed to be completed December 31, 2022 but we know we will not make that deadline. I have asked for an extension to December 31, 2024.
- Chemung County Sewer District- Maple Street storm sewer that was previously clogged was opened with the County's ram jetter truck and televised.
- Working with GST BOCES regarding some of their existing driveway culvert pipes that they are replacing.
- Wrote two newsletter articles for the Soil and Water Annual Newsletter. One on the BOCES E&S training/field day and one on the work on the WQIP mapping project.
- Storm Sewershed GIS Mapping Updates- at a stand still. GIS computer has been temporarily repaired but with a very slow connection. I am actively rebuilding our GIS layers onto the desktop so that we do not have to deal with a slow connection until the repair is made to the fiber network. This sewershed work needs to be completed by the end of the month.
- Attended ZOOM meeting on DRAFT drainage survey being put out to municipal highway departments by Cornell Local Roads.
- Water Sampling with Gene Stow for the Chemung County WQCC
- Outfall inspections-bring Nikole Watts up to speed on how to do the inspections-Jessica needs to get some jobs off her list of work
- Working on the future Plans for the Stormwater Team. Generating ideas, having discussions, etc. in preparation for our Coalition meeting on January 19th, 2022

Town of Big Flats

- Met with the Town to discuss the Preferred Landscape project progress
Post Construction Inspections (reports not completed yet)
 - Raymour and Flanigan
 - Soaring Ridge Subdivision
 - Dandy Route 352
 - Higher Hope Church

City of Elmira

- Looked over Washington Street school project drawings
- Village of Horseheads
 - o Met with Jim Clarke (builder) at lot in the Villa's project to go over the E&S requirements. Suggested he get the required E&S plan from engineer. Followed up with the Village regarding this Lot and advised the to request a copy of the E&S plan as well.
 - o Discussed future Holding Point project with Code department
- Town of Horseheads
 - o Chad Kehoe with NYS DEC called regarding complaint about recycling facility.
 - o Discussion with Code Department and Marc Maser regarding subdivision that was never approved or permitted. Consultant needed to know what version of the standards they needed to follow.
- Town of Southport
 - o Drone photos for Code Department of property behind Tops Friendly Markets
- Town of Veteran
 - o Reviewed and approved Hulett Well Reclamation SWPPP.
- Chemung County
 - o Drone photos of Middle Road demonstrating Flex Mat and no flex mat (see photos below).
 - o Set bench mark at Lake Street Sewer Plant for grading work the SWCD will be doing
- Elmira Corning Regional Airport
 - o Fuel farm secondary containment is connected to the County sanitary sewer. The airport will need to disconnect this line and dispose of the water properly. I am trying to get guidance from NYS DEC as to what the proper disposal method is. Tara Blum, Regional Water Engineer followed up with me that they are still looking into what should be done with this water. All Regions in NYS seem to handle it differently so she is trying to be diligent about her research and consideration.



Stormwater Educator-Nikole Watts

- ✓ Ag Promotion Gift Bags for County Legislators, Executives, Town Supervisors/Mayors, Tom Reed, Tom O'Mara, Chris Friend, and Phil Palmesano were delivered
- ✓ Completed 11 articles for the annual newsletter
- ✓ Taught at Cohen School-86 sixth graders-passed around handwritten thank you's from the students-letters have been sent to schools regarding programs available
- ✓ In contact with Elmira College to work on the Quarry Farm milk bottle display
- ✓ Working on the 2022 Ag Promotion Events
- ✓ Farmland Protection funding has been pushed back to March to do the plan -the grant is for \$50,000.00 to update the Farmland Protection Plan, which is ten years old-going to reach out to municipalities to see if they would contribute \$100.00 towards this
 - County Planning sent a letter asking if the Chemung County SWCD would put in \$2,500.00-the Board is going to research in more detail-reach out to Nikole with any questions-Plan to hold a workshop for farmers on February 12th to discuss what they would like to see in the plan as well as getting pesticides credits-this is how the Ag Promotion started up from the last plan
- ✓ Stormwater Coalition is scheduling a meeting on January 19th, 2022, where the Stormwater Team will do a presentation on projects completed throughout the year, then have lunch and then have a session on the future of the Stormwater Team and funding
- ✓ Assisting with the WQIP GIS Mapping project with Jessica
- ✓ West Elmira has community garden beds that need replacing-gave Mark Richer the request for lumber
- ✓ Attended the Farm Bureau Annual meeting for 2-days-Nikole was placed as Farm Bureau Division 4 representative -
 - discussions on Solar Panels, Cannabis, USDA Butchering, Electric Vehicles, Bitcoin Mining
 - Honorable mention for Maggie the Cow
- ✓ Nikole will be on vacation from December 23rd through January 3rd

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- 2022 updating the Ortho industry and the cost went up to \$51,000.00-during the GIS meeting they discussed how to fund this -committee would have to commit in 2022 with funds due in 2023-would need to go around and pitch it to the partners-Invite the spokesperson from the company to attend a meeting
- Stormwater Team Contract/Budget-information points for luncheon
 - How to setup funding the Team-will look at the sales tax share to municipalities-have a discussion with Mr. Moss
 - Nikole Watts will be available from the District to assist with stormwater when needed
 - Discuss working on the new contract as the contract ends in June of 2023
 - Contract between Mark Watts and Chemung County SWCD

Anything to come before the Board:

Motion made to adjourn at 3:18 PM by K. Szerszen. Seconded by C. Doane.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Tillotson