

Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.
Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2023 at 4pm.

Attendance:

Staff: Sarah Robinson, Kacey Weber

Supervisors: Jensen Bissell, Jim Ferrante

Assoc. Supervisors: Sam Brown

The Meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams.

Establish a Quorum: Chair Jensen Bissell opened the meeting at 4:22 pm. Quorum was established after voting Sam Brown in.

Consent Agenda - Motion and second to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous to approve. This includes the previous minutes, grant reports and staff reports.

Finance Report - Loss with NRCS because payments are slow coming in. Loss in properties is taken care of. TNC has \$10,573 loss because it gets the largest hit for admin allocation. Law Farm account helps to pay for property management and education. Showing a loss because there was no revenue. Motion and second to approve the financial report. Unanimous approval# 1.

New Business - Vice Chair - Jim Ferrante has agreed to serve in this role. Motion and second to have him serve in this role for a year. Unanimous approval. **Workshops & Programs** - Shared the 2024 plan, which includes awards, events, outreach. Also shared 2024 Year Plan, which breaks down the entire year. Jensen will get Sarah information about mushroom workshop for budgeting. **Bookkeeper Increase in Wages** - Cheryl has requested an increase in wages, to \$30/hour at 10 hours a month. Follow-up in November. **T-Shirt Survey** - Sarah to order 48 shirts and decals. **Board Evaluations** - Not needed at this time.

Executive Director Report - \$25,000 from the Onion Foundation to support work in schools and TWE for 2 years. Funding is flexible. Sarah submitted Maine Community Foundation grant to support land management work and travel stipends for school to go to public lands. Jessica Leahy applied for a grant for the District to have a forester on staff. Maine TREE to apply for funding for Green Jobs Fair. Clear Day Thunder movie was a great success - we made \$450 dollars and it was well-attended. Sarah working on the appeal. Voted last month to work with Bill Bayruther and Sarah is finalizing his contract. Chainsaw Safety was successful and we hope to offer Chainsaw Safety Level 3. Mark Savage has the Law Farm on his radar as a future site for the Forest Immersion program facility. Nothing finalized there and other locations are being considered. Kacey and Sarah going to Maine TREE awards on Oct. 19th. We will be doing the SeDo Trunk or Treat for IFP outreach. Shutdown was frustrating to prepare for, but we are glad to not be disrupted.

Upcoming Events/Dates - Fall Forestry Field Tour 10/15; SeDo Trunk or Treat 10/27; Fall Fruit Care Day 10/28; Gravel Roads Workshop 11/2; November 8th StreamSmart 101 event

Meeting ended at 5:11pm

PCSWCD Meeting Attendance Record

2023 Attendance	1/12	2/9	3/9	4/13	5/119	6/8	7/13	9/14	10/12	11/9	12/14
<i>Supervisors</i>											
Jensen Bissell, chair	x	X	X	X	NA	X	X	X	X		
Steve Tatko	x				NA	X					
Jim Ferrante, vice chair		X	X	X	NA	X	X	X	X		
Kent Black	x		X	X	NA	X	X	X			
<i>Associate Supervisors</i>											
Mike Pouch					NA	X					
Sam Brown	x	X	X		NA	X	X	X	X		
Donna Coffin		X	X	X	NA	X	X				
Toby Hall	x	X			NA	X	X	X			
Kim Merrit	x	X	X		NA	X	X	X			
Molly London					NA	X	X				
Carolyn Ziegra							X				
<i>Staff</i>											
Sarah Robinson Ex Dir	x	X	X	X	NA	X	X	X	X		
Seth Jones NRCS DS	x	X		X	NA	X	X	X			
Kacey Weber	x	X	X	X	NA		X	X	X		
Marc Warren	x				NA						