

MEETING MINUTES: 11/21/06

Attendees: Pat Tindale, Town of Chili Conservation Board; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili resident; Judy Spring, Cornell Cooperative Extension; George Squires, Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District; Jennifer Balonek, Riga Conservation Board; Betsy Johnson, Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District; Larry VerWeire, Riga resident; Joseph Carr, Town of Chili; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Economic Development; Jenny Landry, NYS DEC.

Manager: L. VerWeire; Time keeper: Pat Tindale; Scribe: SC: Rochelle Bell; Action items are underlined below.

There were no changes to the minutes for October 2006.

Fundraising: Everyone present labeled and stuffed over 450 envelopes. Rochelle thanked everyone for the efforts on the letter, envelopes and hand delivery. There are a few more envelopes that can be mailed – let Rochelle know if you have a name an address you would like a letter sent to.

Map Guide: Rochelle reminded everyone to review the map of the watershed on the RC&D website and to write up something or identify text in the State of the Basin report that they would like included on the Map Guided.

Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Grant: Rochelle passed out time logs, mileage logs and summary sheet. Those present will see how these work for the next month before the final design is distributed to the whole committee. As of now we think the date from which "donations" (of time, mileage, office supplies, etc.) can be compiled is October 20, 2006.

Display Boards: George has the big board in his office; one small display board is in the Churchville Village Hall; one is at the Gillam Grant Center; Pat Tindale has one - she will talk to someone about placing it at the Wheatland High School; the fourth small board is being used by the Churchville – Chili High School science classes. There might be room in the Chili Town Hall display case for one soon.

Other Business: Jenny Landry spoke about her new position as a DEC Wildlife Grants Biologist for the Genesee River Basin. She said a Request for Applications is being prepared by the Albany office. The purpose of the projects is to keep identified species from becoming listed as endangered or threatened. There are four areas eligible for funding: Research and Inventory; Planning; Management and Restoration; and Monitoring. Grants will be a minimum of \$50,000 and will require at 25% or 50% non-federal match. She expects NGOs and universities to apply for the first round of grants. Jenny will come back and tell us more in January or February.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. Jennifer will reserve the Riga Town Hall meeting room

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.