

SASD - Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday March 17, 2015

6:00 PM at Apple Pond Farm in Callicoon Center, NY

ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance: Kathie Aberman, Michael Chojnicki, Isaac Green Diebboll, Bruce Ferguson, Dick Riseling, Roy Tedoff. Linda Reik attended via conference call.

Board members absent with notice: Jill Wiener.

Board members absent without notice: None.

Also present: SASD Co-Executive Directors Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart

A meeting notice was sent to all board members in accordance with the Bylaws.

The meeting was called to order at 6:11PM. The attendees constituted a quorum.

Board President Michael Chojnicki outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Minutes for the February 10th meeting were approved with corrections requested by Carol Roig, re USDA opportunities and outreach to Melinda Meddaugh at CCE.

Order of Business

1. Board member reinstatement

Absent a quorum, reinstatement of Michael Chojnicki, Bruce Ferguson and Kathie Aberman was deferred.

2. Committees Restructuring and Updates (In Compliance with the Bylaws):

At Bruce's suggestion, committee restructuring was deferred until the April meeting to leave ample time for discussion of initiatives. Michael Chojnicki noted that the By-Laws require that standing committees be maintained. We also have Secretary and Treasurer positions to fill. Michael will consult with Laurie McFadden to make sure we are in compliance with new NYS regulations governing 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

Standing Committees (Committees of the Board)

f) Nominating Committee (Dick Riseling)

Discussion: Board is now at 8 members. Dick Riseling reported on outreach to 4 potential board members.

3. Contracts and other opportunities

- NY Prize: Carol and Stephen have initiated outreach to the Village of Liberty and Village of Monticello to develop micro-grid projects, and have been approached by Booz Allen Hamilton to develop the proposals. Booz Allen will provide an informational presentation to officials of the two villages.
- CCA: Mike Gordon of Joule Assets has offered his assistance to help us develop a CCA proposal for Sullivan County. Bruce Ferguson and Dick Riseling have reached out to Sustainable Westchester and to Jen Metzger in Ulster County for advice on how to proceed.

- Climate Smart Communities: Work continues with the Bethel and Lumberland committees. VHB Engineering will provide two roundtables for program participants, focusing on LED street lighting and solutions to GHG emissions from wastewater treatment and septic systems. Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart are scheduled to perform a site visit and provide energy advice to the Hortonville Fire Department on March 19th.
- Outreach to Montreign/Adelaar: Bruce Ferguson proposed that the Board should draft a letter introducing SASD and offering assistance with sustainable design and energy strategies.
- Outreach to businesses: In April, Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart will present a powerpoint on energy planning, energy savings and renewable energy opportunities to the April meeting of the IDA Board and to a group of business people attending coursework through BOCES, a class led by Jill Weyer of SCDPEM.

Other business: The board approved a motion to reimburse Michal Chojnicki and Dick Riseling for \$300 in travel expenses for their attendance at the _____ Conference in Boston.

Moved by Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Kathie Aberman, approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Motion by Isaac Green Diebboll, seconded by Bruce Ferguson. Unanimously agreed.

Next Board Meeting will take place on April 28th at Apple Pond Farm.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Roig, acting as Secretary for this meeting.