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Agenda

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, The Orange County Funding Corporation will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on February 14, 2019 immediately following the Orange County Industrial Development Agency meeting at the **Orange County Business Accelerator, 4 Crotty Lane, Suite 100, New Windsor, New York**, to consider and/or act upon the following:

Order of Business

- **Roll Call**
- **Approval of the minutes from January 10, 2019 meeting**
- **Financial Reports and/or Requests for Payments**
- **Applications/Resolutions**
 - Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District
 - Resolution
- **Other Board Business**
- **Adjournment**

Dated: February 7, 2019

Stephen Brescia, Secretary

By: Laurie Villasuso, Chief Operating Officer & Executive Vice President

ORANGE COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION

MINUTES

January 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the Orange County Funding Corporation was convened in public session on January 10, 2019 at 3:51 P.M. at the Orange County Business Accelerator in New Windsor, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mary Ellen Rogulski, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Mary Ellen Rogulski, John Steinberg, Edward Diana, James DiSalvo, Stephen Brescia, Michael Gaydos, Robert Schreibeis

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Villasuso – Chief Operating Officer
Kevin Dowd – IDA Attorney
Joel Kleiman – Chief Financial Officer
Vincent Cozzolino – Managing Director
Melanie Schouten – Program Director

Chairman Rogulski calls to order the regular meeting of the Orange County Funding Corporation, January 10, 2019 Board consists of seven members. There is a quorum.

Roll Call is taken.

Minutes

Review of the December 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion made by Mr. Diana, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, to approve the minutes. Motion carries with all in favor.

Financial Reports and/or Requests for Payment

Mr. Kleiman reviews the income and expense summary, noting that the income YTD balance is \$505,479 and YTD expenses are \$181,303, with revenues exceeding expenses by \$324,176.

The balance in the bank account is \$1,971,284.

Chairman Rogulski asks for a motion to approve the vouchers and payments in the amount of \$2,479.71 for December. Motion made by Mr. Schreibeis, seconded by Mr. DiSalvo, that the Board accept the financial reports, and authorize OCFC payments and vouchers. Open for discussion. Affirmative votes of all members present results in motion carried.

Other Board Business

Ms. Villasuso and Mr. Cozzolino attended the bond closing for Crystal Run Village on December 28, 2018. A check was received in the amount of \$92,000.

Adjournment

The meeting is called for adjournment, motion made by Mr. Brescia, seconded by Mr. Schreibeis, the time being 3:56 P.M.



PROJECT EXPENDITURE APPLICATION FORM

ORGANIZATION

Name of Organization: **_Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District_**

DATE: **_January 10,2019_**

Project Title: **_Orange County Farm Tire Removal_**

Address: **Suite 103 225 Dolson Avenue_**

City/Zip Code: **Middletown, NY 10940**

Telephone: **845.343.1873_**

E-mail Address: **kevin.sumner@ocsoil.org**

Name of Contact: **_Kevin Sumner**

Title: **Conservation District Manager_**

Specific amount requested from OCFC: **\$_50,000**

Have you received any grants or other forms of assistance from the Orange County Funding Corporation in the past? Yes No Dates and amounts _____

Have you received any other assistance from other agencies or organizations? Yes No

If yes, please indicate from whom and the type or amount. **The current estimated total cost of the farm tire removal is \$150,000. We are seeking funding assistance from several sources but at the time of this application no other funding has been secured.**

(Please remember that your request will receive the same consideration whether or not you have had previous requests in the past with the Orange County Funding Corporation.)

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

(Include a brief history of your organization.)

OCSWCD was formed in 1967 by resolution of the County Legislature, under the authority of NYS Conservation District Law. We are a natural resource conservation agency governed by a 5-person Board of Directors (two county legislators, member-at-large, Grange representative, Farm Bureau representative) appointed and approved by the County. We provide technical and financial assistance to landowners, landusers, units of government and other entities to promote proper management of soil and water resources and to control and abate nonpoint source pollution. We receive funding primarily from the County, the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee and from earned income programs.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

(Please indicate the amount of the project, capital investment, job creation and economic benefit to Orange County and its residents. Please provide a concise description of the need or problem to be addressed. Include the overall goals and purposes of your organization or specific department concerned, the specific purpose of the funds, and how the objective will be accomplished. Moreover, what is unique about your program? Include photos, drafts, charts, drawings, supporting documentation and any phasing, if more than one. Indicate what years funding represents and a breakdown. Please attach additional pages if more space is needed.)

The attachment provides background information, project justification, and additional information including the status of the project and anticipated funding needs. One of the main benefits of the project will be an environmental health benefit by reducing breeding habitat for disease-carrying mosquitos. The project will also have an economic benefit for farmers who are facing a May, 2019 deadline from NYSDEC that presents un-manageable alternatives to the farmers for dealing with the tires. Given the economic conditions dairy farmers are currently facing, providing financial assistance for proper removal and disposal of the tires will be af great benefit to the farmers. Land kept in agriculture helps control municipal taxes, provides aesthetic value for the County and contributes to a healthy and diverse environment.

BUDGET

Specific amount requested from the Orange County Funding Corporation: **\$50,000**

(Please include an itemized budget for this project and total program, your current sources of income and expenses, a balance sheet for the past year and contributions from other institutions or organizations, if any.)

TARGET POPULATIONS AND PERFORMANCE SITE(S)

(This project must show its benefits to all of Orange County and the residents or describe the unique benefit to a specific segment of Orange County that may not happen if the OCFC were to reject this Project Expenditure.)

Benefits of the Project are described above. The tax controls provided by agricultural land – which demands few municipal services and does not burden the school system – benefits all County residents directly or indirectly. All residents also benefit from the aesthetic and environmental protection services of the farm landscape.

EVALUATION

(How will you determine the impact of this project if funded? [For example, a survey, appraisal of physical improvements or attendance figures.] Please be specific.)

The primary straight-forward evaluation of the impact of the Project will be the number of tires collected and properly/legally disposed of, and the number of farmers assisted.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

Orange County Funding Corporation
Orange County Business Accelerator
4 Crotty Lane, Suite 100
New Windsor, NY 12553



ORANGE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

225 Dolson Avenue, Suite 103, Middletown, NY 10940

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Orange County Dairy Farm Tire Disposal Project

STATUS AND NEEDS **10/2018**

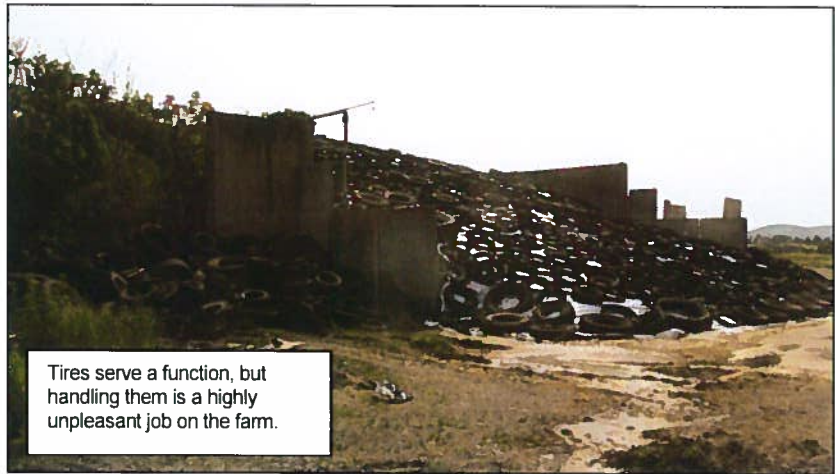
BACKGROUND

For many years, farmers have used tires to secure plastic covers on their trench silos. Silage on farms in the past was more commonly stored in upright silos, but storing silage in trenches has proven to be a more efficient and less costly means of storage. Silage needs to be stored in a near-airtight fashion. The method of achieving this with trench silos is to pack the silage by driving on it with farm equipment, cover with plastic, and weigh down the plastic with closely spaced tires. This method has proved to be very effective, but is one of the most dreaded jobs on the farm. The tires collect water, are heavy and messy to handle, and harbor pests including rats and mosquitoes. The mosquitoes are, as most people know, more than an annoyance. They are a significant health threat. For this reason primarily, NYSDEC has issued a regulation that calls for farmers to either cut their tires in half or drill holes in them to allow water to drain out of them in order to reduce mosquito breeding habitat. This regulation was originally scheduled to go into effect in May of 2018, but has been delayed until May, 2019.

Beyond the labor and expense burden presented by this deadline, there are practical issues with compliance. Most tires are steel belted, so cutting them in half is difficult and dangerous. Plus, half tires may not be heavy enough to effectively weigh down the silo covers. Drilling holes may not effectively allow for draining of trapped water. Simply disposing of the tires is an option, but would be an expensive proposition for most farmers with trenches who typically have hundreds, if not thousands, of tires on the farm. Even if the tires can be disposed of, a replacement of some kind is necessary for trench silo management.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Orange County updated its Farmland Protection Plan in 2015, and a lead priority was to explore and implement measures to address profitability and other issues affecting dairy farms. The Plan, and other documents, note the key role that dairy farms play in



maintaining the agricultural landscape in Orange County that so many residents find desirable. More importantly, dairy farming has been the mainstay of agriculture in the County for well over a hundred years and its demise, which by some accounts could be imminent without near-term solutions, would

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have severe consequences. Residential development, which can be expected to follow the abandonment of farmland, will increase the demand for municipal services and school capacity – driving taxes even higher. Land lost to development, for practical purposes, cannot be returned to agriculture. Our ability to feed ourselves locally would be jeopardized.

While helping farmers with this tire issue will not significantly change the very challenging economic issues they are currently facing, it would be a gesture nonetheless to demonstrate some attention to the Ag Plan's assignment of priority to dairy farming issues.

STATUS OF THE PROJECT

Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWCD) has developed a plan that would replace the use of tires on silage trenches with a product called Secure Covers. Because of the special design of this product, it eliminates the need for weighting down the plastic silage trench cover with tires. Only the edges of the Secure Covers need to be weighted down, and this is done with bags made out of the same material as the Secure Covers that are filled with 30 to 35 pounds of gravel.



September begins the fall corn trench filling job for dairy farmers. OCSWCD recognized the urgency of moving this project forward in order to avoid the placement of thousands of tires on corn trenches only to have to remove them before May, 2019. Therefore, the Board of Directors elected to utilize special project funding made available to us from the State of NY to purchase over \$75,000 worth of Secure Covers for interested Orange County farmers. These covers have been distributed to 20 different Orange County farms.

WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING

Supplying farmers with the Secure Covers has eliminated the need to place tires on the trenches, but the cost of disposal of the tires remains to be addressed. With the May, 2019 date looming, now is the time to begin the onerous job of properly disposing of the tires – a job which is expected to take months to complete.

Based on surveys undertaken by OCSWCD with support from other agencies, our current estimate for the number of tires farmers would be seeking to dispose of is 34,000. The most efficient means of disposing of these tires is to send container trucks directly to the individual farms (almost all the participating farms have enough tires to fill one or more containers). The precise cost of disposal is almost impossible to calculate due to the different sizes of the tires on the farms and other variables. Our best estimate at this time of the full cost of tire removal is \$150,000. This DOES NOT include the staff time costs for coordinating the project.

We are, therefore, seeking funding in the amount of \$150,000 to cover the direct costs of farm tire disposal.

COORDINATION

The Soil and Water Conservation District is prepared to coordinate the project.

FARM CONTRIBUTIONS

Our goal is to avoid as much as possible direct costs to farms because of current economic conditions. Farms will have significant labor costs and other incidental expenses in making the switch from tires to Secure Covers.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The project has been discussed and supported by the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the Orange County Legislature's "Green' Committee..