



New York State
Conservation District Employees' Association, Inc.

MEETING AGENDA

January 22, 2025 • 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 23, 2025 • 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join in person

Hyatt Regency Rochester • 25 E Main St. • Rochester, NY 14604

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January 22, 2025, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order
- II. Introductions
- III. Lobbyist discussion (Todd Vandervort, The Vandervort Group, LLC.)
- IV. Reading and approval of the November 2024 meeting minutes (motion)
- V. Partnership reports
 - a. New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee (Bethany Bzduch, Executive Director)
 - b. New York Association of Conservation Districts (Blanche Hurlbutt, Executive Director)
 - c. Natural Resources Conservation Service (Blake Glover, State Conservationist)
- VI. Division Representative reports
- VII. Executive Committee reports
- VIII. Standing Committees
 - a. New York State Fair / New York State Farm Show Committee (Kristin White)
 - b. NYS DEC Endorsed 4-Hour Erosion & Sediment Control Online Training (Kristin White)
 - Review and approve the 2025 contract (motion)
 - c. NYS Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate Program (Jessica Verrigni)
 - Review and approve the 2025 contract (motion)
 - d. Conservation Skills Workshop (Tom Eskildsen)
 - e. Administrative Conference (Dustin Lewis)
 - f. Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees (Velynda and Jeff Parker)
 - g. National Conservation District Employees Association (Velynda Parker)
 - h. Frank Bratt Scholarship (Rebecca Campbell)
 - j. New York State Envirothon Committee (Katy Kemmeren)
 - k. Environmental Education Foundation Committee (Joann Burke)
 - l. Civil Service Committee (Caitlin Stewart)
 - m. New York State Invasive Species Advisory Committee (Caitlin Stewart)
 - n. Recruitment and Retention Committee (Caitlin Stewart)
 - o. Municipal Assistance Subcommittee (SWCC)

- p. Technical Advisory Committee (SWCC)
- q. Leadership Institute (place holder until 2027)

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I. NRCS Partnership Agreements (Alana Covington, ASTC-Partnerships)

II. Treasurer's report (Katy Kemmeren, motion)

- Review and approve the 2025 budget (motion)

CDEA activities

- a. Water Quality Symposium (Jessica Armstrong)
- b. NAACC certification trainings (Caitlin Stewart)
- c. Review and approve Event Coordinator RFP (motion)
- d. Attorney RFP (Caitlin Stewart)
- e. 4-Way Partnership meeting review (Caitlin Stewart)
- f. Division wide ArcPro trainings (Tyler Knapp)
- g. 4-hour Fund application review and approval (motion)
- h. CDEA By-Laws update (Caitlin Stewart, Jessica Armstrong, Alice Halloran, and Maren Stoddard)
- i. CDEA News (Caitlin Stewart)
- j. Ronny Raindrop® (Maren Stoddard)
- k. CDEA Golf Tournament (Doug Kierst)
- l. Skeet, Trap or 3-D Shoot Tournament (Joann Burke)
- m. Fish On Challenge (Kaite WhitKovits)
- n. Review and approve the 2025 CDEA Committees and Appointments
- o. Schedule 2025 meeting dates

III. Other (all)

IV. Correspondence

V. Next Meeting – Annual Meeting: March 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Rochester, 125 East Main Street, Rochester NY 14604

VI. Adjournment (motion)

Join us!

- Hydrodam tour – Wednesday January 22 immediately following the conclusion of our meeting
- Dinner at the Genesee Brew House < 25 Cataract St. Rochester, NY 14605> Wednesday January 22 following the Hydrodam tour
- Tour of the Hyatt Regency Rochester for the Water Quality Symposium – Thursday January 23 immediately following the conclusion of our meeting (CDEA members only)