

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - APRIL 8, 2010
District Facility, 5390 County Road 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Ted Hopkins, Legislator
Curtis Rung, Grange
Doug Burdick, Legislator
Philip May, Farm Bureau

Staff

Gretchen Gary, Exec. Dir
Gloria Miess, Admin Sec-Treas.

Cooperating Agencies

Lester Travis, State Committee,
Associate Environmental Analyst

I. Call to Order: 2:07pm

II. Minutes of Feburary 16, 2010: Approved (Hopkins-Rung)

III. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Hopkins-Rung)**

Discussion was held on when the State Reimbursement funds could be expected. Les reported that they are ready for delivery, but that the funds have not been released by the State and they are not sure when that will happen. Also discussed was the 2010-11 State Budget. It is reported that there is a split on funding which will be coming to districts. The Governor's budget shows an increase in funding, but part of the legislature is suggesting a decrease. Contact needs to be made to the legislature to lobby for no decrease.

Discussion was also held on the status of the Round X EPF grant close-out. It was the consensus of the Board that we send back any remaining funds and file a report explaining what has happened regarding Round X. Discussion was also held on the status of the Cartwright filter project.

B. Abstracts: **Approved (Hopkins-Rung)**

IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

A. NRCS Report: No Report

B. Executive Director:

1. New cooperator/AEM files are being compiled with the assistance of Nicole Kerstetter, Student Intern from Alfred State. She is doing an excellent job. New files are being made for the District with NRCS information being included if deemed pertinent.

2. We are working with Steuben County on the hiring of an AEM Coordinator who will work in both Steuben and Allegany Counties. This person will be housed in Steuben County and the position will be paid thru a grant from USC. At this time work will only be done in the USC Watershed portion of the County. We are also working with Cattaraugus County for a similar position which would be housed in Cattaraugus County. We have completed 4 new AEM Tier 1 & 2s.

3. Have been approached by the Hazard Mitigation Coordinator to be part of the Hazard Mitigation Committee.

4. Requests have been sent to surrounding counties for assistance with technical work. Wyoming and Steuben Counties have shown interest in assisting us. We also have two engineers who are willing to assist with technical work. We have a project in the Town of Belfast which needs to be designed in the near future and if we do not hear from Wyoming County on this project this week, we will have to go with one of the engineers to do the job.

5. The office section of the building has been finished off and painted. We also have quotes for the rental section of the building and the outside of the building. It was the consensus of the Board that we hold off on painting the rental space and advertise that section for rent then let the new tenant chose the paint color.

6. We have received a request from Steve Rauber for cutting of \$300.00 worth of firewood off the County Forest. It was the consensus of the Board that this request be denied. We are in the process of having a new 10-year Forest Plan drawn up by Robbie Chamberlain. This project is being paid for under the 2010 Conservation Practice funding.

6. I have gone over the 2009 finances and entered all the payments into categories in order to better be able to track expenses vs budget and be able to tell where we are going wrong in our budget.

V. New Business

- A. Executive Director - The test results have been received from the Civil Service Exam and we have 60 days to act. We will be interviewing the top 3 from the Eligible List today.

VI. Old Business

- A. Hazard Mitigation Contract - The subcontractor for the Hazard Mitigation update did not accept the terms of our

contract and, therefore, the District is not going to oversee this project. The County has hired a Coordinator to do the update.

VII. Announcements

A. Next regular meeting will be May 18, 2010 at the District Facility at 4:30pm.

VIII. Correspondence: No action required.

IX. Adjournment: 3:27pm

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman