

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - August 17, 2010
District Facility, 5390 County Road 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir
Gloria Miess, Admin Sec-Treas.

Cooperating Agencies

Kathy Koss, NRCS
Nicole Ayers, FSA
Les Travis, State Committee

- I. Call to Order: 6:02PM**
- II. Minutes of July 20, 2010: Approved (Rung-May)**
- III. Financial Reports**
- A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (May-Rung)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (May-Rung)**
- IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
- A. NRCS Report: (Report attached)
 - 1. Kathy reported that there are 63 active NRCS contracts in the County at this time. This represents \$1.9million covering 4,295 acres.
 - 2. The Fiscal Year activities from October 1, 2009 to date include: WRP - 10 acres of wetlands restored; EQIP - 600 acres of prescribed grazing, and 140 acres of forestry BMP's installed; 4,300 acres of conservation compliance plans completed; 30 new HEL determination requests since August 1st, 11 tract determinations completed on 708 HEL acres, 19 to be completed by September 17th. Compliance plans will need to be updated to reflect changes; construction on 2 barnyards, 4 diversion ditches, 1 spring development, wetland sheet piling restoration, manure storage, milk house waste system and miscellaneous other items in progress.
 - 3. August 23rd the Regional Soils Team will be doing a soils review for quality assurance
 - 4. NRCS audit begins August 20th.
 - 5. The Fiscal Year Agricultural Appropriations full committee mark-up was postponed in July and no new time has been announced.

B. FSA Report: (Report Attached)

1. Nicole Ayers introduced herself to the Board and reported that Ken Miller retired as of August 3rd and she has replaced him as CD.
2. A General CRP sign-up is going on at the present time with a deadline of August 27th, they have had 15 inquiries with 3 offers processed to date. Approvals should be made by October 1st on the accepted offers.
3. A new Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) was announced. Regulations are in draft form at present, but this program will make payments available for carrying out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.
4. Fiscal Year to date the Allegany County FSA office has paid out almost \$1.3million to County producers. Final Direct DCP and annual CRP payments will be made the beginning of October.

C. State Committee Report: No formal report given.

D. Executive Director Report: (Report Attached)

1. Program updates -
 - a. Round X - all Round X projects have been signed off on, and we are now working on the final close-out and report.
 - b. Round XIII - waiting on the engineer's certifications on several completed projects. Brooks, Behen and Gilbert projects have been signed off on. Baker is waiting for engineer's design.
 - c. Year 6 AEM - 3 Tier 1 & 2's have been completed along with 1 Tier 5A. Working on 2 Tier 3As. Meeting set for next week with WNYCMA to do Tier 5B's on CAFO farms
 - d. Part C - we plan to use Part C dollars to fix Round XIII issues and streambank stabilization problems.
 - e. FL-LOWPA - Lu Engineers will be here August 20th to do survey, as-builts on the Acomb ditches and survey and design on the Fanton ditch.
2. Meeting will be held on August 25th with Paul Kretser in regards to doing the County Forest Plan. This project is slated to be done under Part B funding.

3. We have picked up the map cabinets and will be organizing them shortly.

V. New Business

- A. Round XVII RFP - It has been announced that Round XVII RFP will be out in October and will be due back to the State Committee in December. All applicants will be required to have a 3A plan. Discussion was held regarding this RFP and it was the consensus of the Board that we apply.

VI. Old Business

- A. Round X Close-Out - All projects have been signed-off on by an engineer, we still need landowner signatures, and signatures from Fred on some projects. The final report will be finished in the near future.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next regular meeting will be September 21, 2010 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.
- B. It was reported that Ted Hopkins was back in Rochester in the hospital due to infection in his leg.

VIII. Correspondence:

- B. NYACD Annual Meeting/Administrative & Manager's Conferences attendance. **Approved (Rung - May)**
- C. 2010 Conservation Skills Workshop attendance. **Approved (Rung - May)**

IX. Executive Session

Board went into Executive Session at 6:15 pm to discuss Lease offer. **(Burdick-Rung)**

Board came out of Executive Session at 6:30 pm. **(May-Rung)**

Motion to refuse County Lease offer for building space.
Approved (Burdick - May)

IX. Adjournment: 7:35PM