

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - December 21, 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

Nicole Ayers, FSA  
Kathy Kos, NRCS

**I. Call to Order: 5:15PM**

**II. Minutes of November 16, 2010: Approved (Rung-May)**

**III. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**

A. NRCS Report: (Report Attached)

1. A new sign-up for all programs will end January 14<sup>th</sup>. All watersheds will be eligible for the CBWI. A small portion of Allegany County is included.
2. The last sign-up period for FY2010 had 60 applications (\$4,446,830). Eleven of these were contracted for \$389,493. There are 14 new sign-ups since December 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The current 52 active contracts (\$987,588) impacts 4,251 acres. Of these 22 have been.
4. In FY2010 59 individual practices (\$105,385) were completed and certified on 11,708 acres. Another 46 (\$99,830) practices were not completed due to lack of staff and time constraints.
5. FSA Compliance Conservation plans were completed for for HEL determinations on a total of 6,186 acres.
6. By December 31<sup>st</sup> 5 new CRP plans need completion.
7. The 1<sup>st</sup> AMA High Tunnel was installed and approved at Quest Farms. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> one completed for the 8 county Batavia Area.
8. Corn Congress will be held January 12<sup>th</sup> in Batavia and February 9<sup>th</sup> the Small Grain Congress.

B. FSA Report: (Report Attached)

1. The Crop Assistance Program for 2009 soybeans closed December 9<sup>th</sup>. Allegany County paid out \$12,335 to eligible applicants.
2. There is \$18million being made available to owners of Non-Industrial Private Forestland (NIPF) through the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) to restore lands damaged by eligible natural disasters.

3. There is \$432million available in funding for FY2011 Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). All previously approved BCFs will need to be re-approved, these and newly interested facilities will work directly with the NY FSA State Office. When facilities are eligible to receive shipments EMOs can apply for matching payments through their FSA county office. There is a 2 yr limit on receiving matching payments and a maximum of \$45/dry ton. The second part of this program is the production of biomass. A project sponsor must first submit a proposal to the NY State Office, once approved eligible producers may enroll eligible land in BCAP that is physically located in the proposed geographical area.
4. Interest rates are extremely low for loans administered by FSA Farm Programs.
5. County Committee elections were held for Local Administrative Area #3 on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Duane Brubaker of Independence was elected, with Brian Brandes 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and Jeff Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>.
6. There is a "forecasting" of a Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) payment beginning in January due to high feed cost.

C. Executive Director Report: (Report Attached)

1. Program updates:

- a. Round XIII - Working on closeout. Awaiting signatures from engineer. Brandes will not be done by the end of the year, we will try for a time extension. Resolution 2010-08 "Resolution Authorizing Request For Time Extension"  
**Approved (May - Rung)**
- b. Round XVII - Two grants submitted for 3 farms with a total cost of \$726,000. Caneadea Creek BMP Implementation Grant, includes Brooks & McCaa. Village of Angelica Water Supply Protection Grant, includes Bainbridge. State received 81 applications totaling \$19million, with around \$11million available.
- c. AEM Year 6 - Have completed soil samples, manure setback evaluations and slope data on all 3 farms for CNMP plans. Will be starting the planning. Continuing evaluation of other farms. The VTA/Waste Transfer Line evaluations should be finished in January.
- d. Part B Money - The Belfast Drainage project has been completed and paid. The contract for the

Forest Plan update has been sent to Paul Kretser. The 2011 funds have been received.

- e. Part C Money - The roofed barnyard project at Bainbridge's has been completed and paid.
  - f. FL-LOWPA - Reported that we will receive \$45,00 by March 21, 2011. Will be working on lining up projects over the upcoming months.
- 2. River Project - Inspections of the River projects has been completed. Belfast is working fine, the Amity site needs some small repairs, including tree removal and movement of small area of rock.
  - 3. AEM Planner Position - We received 12 applications today. Interviews to start soon.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Round XIII Extension - Covered in Executive Director's Report.
- B. Ag District #3 Review - Ag District #3 covering the Towns of Almond, Birdsall, Burns, Grove and the Villages of Canaseraga and Almond is up for review. There are over 1500 parcels which contain over 7 acres of land in that district. Letters will be sent to each landowner.

**V. Old Business**

- A. AEM Coordinator - Covered in Executive Director's Report.

**VI. Financial Reports**

- A. **Treasurer's Report: Approved (May-Burdick)**
- B. **Abstracts: Approved (May-Burdick)**

**VII. Announcements**

- A. Next regular meeting will be January 18, 2011 at the District Facility at 5:00pm.
- B. Manager's Meeting - January 12, 2011 in Batavia, all Directors are welcome to attend.

**VIII. Executive Session - Not required**

**IX. Correspondence:**

Correspondence were reviewed and no action taken.

**X. Adjournment: 6:10PM**