

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 2012
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Philip May, Farm Bureau
Douglas Burdick, Legislator

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Kathy Kos, NRCS
Sheldon Hightower, NRCS
Liz Wesche, NRCS

I. Call to Order: 5:07pm

II. Bid Openings

The following five (5) bids were received for the 2002 Dodge Ram Truck: United Auto (Bob Gleason) \$6,200.00; Jason Drake \$2,100.00; Mark Wigent \$2,250.00; Robert James \$1,857.00; and Corey Howard \$2,5000.00. The bid was awarded to United Auto for \$6,200.00. **Approved (Burdick-May)**

III. Minutes of January 17, 2012 Approved (Burdick-May)

IV. Financial Reports

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

V. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

- A. NRCS Report: Kathy Kos, District Conservationist
 1. Currently they have received 39 applications: 1 AMA; 2 CSP; 2 WHIP and 34 EQIP. Under EQIP there will be funding for Livestock waste, grazing and cropland. There are 8 applications for grazing and 6 for livestock waste. The balance of the EQIP are forestry, which has not been funded yet for this year.
 2. Waiting for the list of approvals for the last round of funding for High Tunnels. The next application deadline is March 30th. The 3rd and final deadline for FY2012 is June 1st.
 3. A vegetable growers workshop will be held by Alfred State College at Quest Farms in Almond. Kathy will be discussing the High Tunnel Program.
 4. An active WRP construction project was done this month. Project went well and the site looks great.

5. A Local Working Group meeting was held to collect input of comments, concerns and suggestions for the County. These were passed on and an area meeting was held between counties to coordinate and recommend local issues and priorities.
6. A synopsis of the 2013 Ag Budget was handed out, as well as information on the Woody Biomass Utilization Grant Program. Grant applications for the Biomass Program must be received by midnight March 1st. The website where applications and instructions are located is located on the bottom of the handout.
7. CRP sign-up is March 12 - April 6, 2012.

Asst. State Conservationist: Sheldon Hightower

1. Notice has gone out for the State Conservationist position. Should have a person in place by spring.
2. An audit of contracts was performed and Sheldon commended the County staff for their achievements.
3. Goals for the Area have been received and notification will be going out to the counties.
4. Mid-year reviews will take place in March.
5. The DC positions in the area have been filled, an engineer is being hired to work in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties. The RC&D secretaries will be available to assistance in the field offices.

B. FSA Report: Nobody in attendance.

D. Executive Director: Scott Torrey

1. Program Updates

- a. Ag Assessments are ongoing, we have completed 75 parcels for 4762 acres so far this year.
- b. Round XIII - The Final Report has been forwarded to the State and the grant is closed out.
- c. AEM Year 7 - Scott has received his CNMP Certification and is now able to write CNMPs. Presently working on CNMPs for Andy Peet, Bruce Vosburg and Brian Babcock. Also working on a Tier 3A, pasture and barnyard plan, for Jim Latham.
- e. FL-LOWPA - The advance for the FL2009/10 grant has been received and the FL2012/13 request has been submitted. The designs for Bruce Vosburg's concrete barnyard has been completed. Angelica should be getting us the final information and bills for their project this week.

2. Technical Assistance

- a. RMS Technologies completed their reviews of stream stabilization sites in Amity and Belfast in December. A recommendation to remove some gravel from the Belfast site was made. Gravel build up has forced high water to top the rock rip-rap that was installed to protect the bank. Initial survey work has been completed and we are going to contact DEC and Army Corp
- b. The Gordon Arbor home is being threatened by the Genesee River and we are seeking possible ways to assist him.

3. County Forest

- a. The last set of information is being added to the Plan.
 - b. Another possible sale site on the Snyder Lot is being investigated.
 - c. Finishing up the contract paperwork on the Dixon Lot sale and then cutting will commence.
4. Annual Reports - All State Annual Reports have been completed and submitted. The County Annual Report will be finished this week.

VI. New Business

- A. Vosburg FL-LOWPA contract **Approved (May-Burdick)**

VII. Old Business

- A. CNMP/CAFOs - Discussion was held on whether the District would do CNMPs for all farms or only non-CAFO farms. Completing CNMPs under a TSP program with NRCS is possible, and discussion was held on plans needed for program qualifications. The matter was tabled until the March meeting. A fee schedule with cost-share notes will be presented at that time.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be March 20, 2012 at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

IX. Correspondence

- No correspondence required action.

X. Adjournment: 6:35pm