

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JANUARY 19, 2010
Ag Service Ctr, 5425 County Rt. 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Lester Travis, State Committee, Associate Environmental Analyst
Kathy Kos, NRCS, District Conservationist

I. Call to Order: 4:44pm

Douglas Burdick was welcomed as a member of the District Board.

II. Election of Officers

Les Travis acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman - Rodney Bennett (**Rung-Hopkins**)
Close Nominations (**Hopkins-Rung**)
Vice Chairman - Curtis Rung (**Hopkins-Bennett**)
Close Nominations (**Hopkins-Bennett**)

III. Minutes of December 15, 2009: Approved (Rung-Hopkins)

IV. Financial Reports

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

V. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

- A. NRCS Report: Kathy Kos, District Conservationist
 - 1. Angie Wright will be acting DC in Cattaraugus County through May 8th.
 - 2. Farm Bill Program sign-up deadline is January 22nd. We have 38 (EQIP-27, WHIP-6, AMA-5) applications to date, expecting another 10 by Friday. Currently have 58 active contracts totaling \$916,825.00. Audit work completed on 19 contracts.
 - 3. Kathy welcomed Doug Burdick to the Board.
- B. State Committee: Les Travis, AEA
 - 1. Les reported on the Round XV and Round XVI EPF grants. Funding for Round XV should be forth coming in the near future and plans are being made to release the RPF for Round XVI.

2. The District reimbursement funds in the State budget remain the same as prior years. The State is 4-5 months behind schedule on payments.

C. Executive Director:

1. The 3-year Contract with the County has been approved and signed at \$130,000.00 per year.
2. Discussion was held on the changing of the title of the Executive Director. It was decided that we are not going to go ahead with request for change at this time.
3. Reviews of the BMP's for grant programs have been cancelled three times. Hoping to get them scheduled for early February.
4. The new Planning & Economic Development Committee will be the Committee of Jurisdiction for the District. Fred Sinclair is chairman.
5. We have received requests for an extension on the contract on the Helmer and Engle lots for removal and clean-up. Also, BOCES is requesting to use County Forest land for a demonstration area for their students. These requests will be taken to the County.
6. Cortland County is holding a training session on Open Meeting Law. Les stated that he could do this training for the Directors at a future Board Meeting.
7. Question was raised on copy rates for FOIL requests. It was suggested that we check with the County Clerk on their policy.
8. The 2009-10 FL-LOWA Narrative has been submitted.
9. We have received a letter requesting assistance with space and equipment for the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. It was the consensus of the Board that we assist the County with this update.
10. We have a volunteer from Alfred who will be assisting with AEM. A mailing will be made to those farmers who have not completed an AEM Tier 1 & 2 and she will also update the files. We also have been approached by USC to house an AEM Coordinator who will cover Steuben and Allegany County. We will also be able to use this person to assist with other parts of the County other than those in the USC watershed.

VI. New Business

- A. Designation of Depositories: Steuben Trust **(Hopkins-Rung)**
- B. Appointment of Audit Committee: Curtis Rung & Philip May
- C. Official Newspapers: Wellsville Daily Report and Cuba Patriot **(May-Rung)**

VII. Old Business

- A. SFY2008-09 FL-LOWPA Contract:
Resolution 2010-01 "Authorizing the Signing of a Contract with the Finger Lakes". **Approved (Hopkins-Burdick)**

VIII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be February 16, 2010 at the Ag Service Center at 4:30pm.

IX. Correspondence

- A. NYSCDEA - RE: 2009 Water Quality Symposium. **Approved (Rung-Hopkins)**

IX. Adjournment: 6:20pm

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman