

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2012
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA
Liz Wesche, NRCS

I. Call to Order: 5:13pm

II. Election of Officers

Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman - Rodney Bennett **(Burdick-May)**
Close Nominations **(May-Hopkins)**
Vice Chairman - Curtis Rung **(Burdick-May)**
Close Nominations **(Hopkins-May)**

III. Minutes of December 20, 2011: Approved (Rung-May)

IV. Financial Reports

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

V. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

- A. NRCS Report: Liz Wesche, Soil Conservationist
 1. Sign-up period for CSP extended to January 27th. There will be 3 sign up periods for EQIP-High Tunnel, Energy, Air Quality and Organic Initiatives. No other program rollouts yet. Applications are still being accepted. Have received 2 WHIP and 18 EQIP Forestry.
 2. Contract reviews and letters, with phone follow up, to producers not on schedule are starting.
 3. Kathy Kos is acting DC for Cattaraugus County this week.
 4. Liz will be working on EWP next week in the eastern part of the State. She will be part of a team doing Damage Survey Reports.
 5. Local Working Groups are being requested to meet in February. A public notice will be posted in the local newspapers for the time and date.

- B. FSA Report: Nicole Ayers, County Executive Director
1. Interest rates are extremely low for loans administered by FSA Farm Programs; January rates are: Commodity Loans (9mth)- 1.125%, Farm Storage Facility Loans (7,10 & 12yrs) - 1.375%, 2.000% and 2.250%.
 2. Have received revised budget allowances cutting more than 60% of the Administrative money they had previously allotted. They are also projecting to close 4 offices within NY: Sullivan, Saratoga, Albany and Yates.
 3. A 3rd party website is projecting a potential MILC payment for the months of February; March and July. Producers will need to come in and complete a NEW FY 2012 Adjusted Gross Income Statement before payments can be issued to them.
 4. DCP sign-up will begin on January 23rd; there will be no advanced payments, all payments will be received in October.
- D. Executive Director: Scott Torrey
1. Program Updates
 - a. Ag Assessments are ongoing, we have completed 34 parcels for 2323 acres so far this year.
 - b. Round XIII - Jeff Ten Eyck will be here January 19th to review Round XIII projects. A tour of 3-4 farms to look at the BMPs that have been installed will take place.
 - c. Round XVIII - We submitted the following applications: Cold Creek - Brett Owens, Bruce Vosburg, Matt Clark, Jay Cockle - \$190,020.00; Wellsville Water Supply - Doug Barney, Chris Reinbold, Dave Saunders - \$139,900.00; Black Creek - Kim Shaklee, Mark Bainbridge - \$145,685.00.
 - d. AEM Year 7 - CNMP plan #3 will have an on-farm review by Bob Brower and Greg Albrecht on January 26th for final approval. Working on CNMP's for Andy Peet, Bruce Vosburg and Brian Babcock. Several new AEM farms will be visited in the next month.
 - e. FL-LOWPA - Contract sent in for the 2009/10 grant money. Narrative for 2012/13 request is due January 25th. Working on designs for fixing a concrete barnyard at Bruce Vosburg's, designs to be completed this week and sent to RMS Technologies for review.

2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Stream bank stabilization and bridge maintenance project in Hume at Sharon Thornton's has been completed by the County DPW.
 - b. Andover stream protect being completed now.
 - c. Reviewed 8 stream sites in the last month.
 - d. Two permits completed in the last month and ready to be submitted for approval, one permit was submitted for approval.
 - e. Currently have requests for 15 stream permits and stabilization assistance.
3. County Forest - New 10 year management plan is complete, proof reading and making final changes before publishing final copy.
4. Annual Reports - We are working on completing the State and County Annual Reports.
5. New trucks arrived last Thursday.

VI. New Business

- A. Designation of Depositories: Steuben Trust. **Approved (May-Burdick)**
- B. Appointment of Audit Committee: Doug Burdick and Curtis Rung
- C. Official Newspapers: Wellsville Daily Report and Cuba Patriot. **Approved (May-Burdick)**
- D. Board Meeting Schedule for 2012: 3rd Tuesday at 5:00pm November thru March; 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm April thru October. **Approved (Bennett-May)**

VII. Old Business

- A. County Forest Bid - The Bid Openings for the Dixon Lot were held on January 9th. Copy of Minutes attached. Wagner Timber Corporation was the successful bidder.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be February 21, 2012 at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

IX. Correspondence

- A. NYSCDEA - RE: 2012 Water Quality Symposium - March 13-16, 2012. **Approved (Rung-May)**

X. Adjournment: 6:10pm