

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JANUARY 15, 2013
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
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

I. Call to Order: 5:07pm

II. Election of Officers

Nicole Ayers acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman - Rodney Bennett **(Rung-Burdick)**
Close Nominations **(May-Rung)**
Vice Chairman - Curtis Rung **(Bennett-May)**
Close Nominations **(Rung-May)**

III. Minutes of December 18, 2012: 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 - No Report
- 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) - 1.125%, 1.625% and 1.875%.
 2. There has been a 9 month extension of the Farm Bill in conjunction with the "Fiscal Cliff" rescue. Not sure what this means as far as programs go and what they will have to offer or what will be required for sign-up.
 3. The State Office requested volunteers to transfer to Steuben County office to fill a vacancy in the Farm Loan and Farm Program duties. Wanda applied and was accepted. Nationally staffing ceilings have been reduced a little over 2% "temporarily" until a budget is in place. They have been promised that Wanda's position will be able to be filled, but not until the temporary ceiling has been lifted. They are receiving assistance from the Cattaraugus County office two days a week.

- C. Executive Director: Scott Torrey
 - 1. Program Updates
 - a. Round 18 - Contracts have been signed and sent back to Albany. A voucher was sent requesting the first part of the funding.
 - b. AEM Year 8 - Continuing to work on 4 CNMP's. Scott A. has been assisting NRCS with LinRae Dunbar EQIP application. Scott is doing a grazing plan for the farm. He has also been visiting new farms and working on meeting with farmers in the Cuba area.
 - c. FL-LOWPA - Working on the 2008-09 Closeout. The 2013-14 proposal has been submitted.
 - 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Assisting the Richburg Fire Department with a dry hydrant design.
 - b. Leonard is inputting survey information into the computer and designs for upcoming projects.
 - c. A permit application is being put together for Sharon Thornton to implement flood protection.
 - d. Town of Friendship has asked us to assist with implementation of a FEMA project to protect sewer line that crosses VanCampen Creek.
 - 3. County Forest - Scott A. is working on finishing the cruise of the Weir Lot for a sale in 2013.
 - 4. Annual Reports - All reports are due February 15th.

VI. New Business

- A. Designation of Depositories: Steuben Trust. **Approved (May-Rung)**
- B. Appointment of Audit Committee: Ted Hopkins and Phil May.
- C. Official Newspapers: Wellsville Daily Report and Cuba Patriot. **Approved (Rung-Burdick)**
- D. Board Meeting Schedule for 2013: 3rd Tuesday at 5:00pm November thru March; 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm April thru October. **Approved (Bennett-May)**
- E. Resolution 2013-01: Approval of Payment of Certain Invoices Prior to Board Approval. **Approved (Rung-May) 1 Absent**

VII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be February 19, 2013, at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

VIII. Correspondence

- A. NYSCDEA - RE: Attendance to 2013 Water Quality Symposium - March 12-15, 2013. **Approved (Bennett-Rung)**

B. ACBOL: RE: Reappointment of Legislative & Farm Bureau
Board Members.

IX. Adjournment: 6:00pm

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman