

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - July 20, 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

Kathy Koss, NRCS

- I. Call to Order: 6:10PM**
- II. Minutes of June 15, 2010: Approved (Rung-May)**
- III. Financial Reports**
- A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (May-Burdick)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (May-Burdick)**
- IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
- A. NRCS Report: (Report attached)
 - 1. Kathy is acting DC in Cattaraugus County this week.
 - 2. Sheldon Hightower taking over as Area Team Leader on August 16th.
 - 3. The panel has been formed for filling the SC position in Allegany County.
 - 4. Seven GLRI applications totaling \$1,110,807 have been received. Selections to be made by July 21st
 - 5. Total active contracts for Allegany County in all programs is 61, totaling \$1,784,585.
 - 6. One forestry and 2 WHIP contracts have been pre-approved and will need to be obligated by July 30th.
 - 7. Construction has started on numerous projects in the County. Field checks for wildlife habitat have been done on 230 acres. Technical assistance is being done thru Wyoming County.
 - 8. Another CRP sign-up will be announced in August.
 - 9. Eight producers tracts have been chosen by NHQ for FSA compliance reviews.
 - 10. Ken Miller is retiring August 2nd, retirement party July 30th at noon.

11. Question was raised about the NRCS EWP training discussed at an earlier meeting. Kathy said that they would schedule something for October or November.

B. Executive Director: (Report attached)

1. Program Updates were given on Round X, Round XIII, Round XVII, AEM Year 5, AEM Year 6 and FL-LOWPA.
2. We have gotten quotes on the computer system upgrade. Two of these came in close to each other and under \$1,000.00, the third was over \$6,000 . Mike Kinter, the 3rd bidder has emailed us a bill for \$125 for by-passing the pass word on the laptop so he could get into it. He also wants copies of the other bids and has threatened to investigate these bidders, saying that they can not legally supply what is needed for the system at the price they quoted. It was the consensus that we not pay the \$125 and see what, if anything, he does next.
3. The shop area has been cleaned out and organized. We now need to work on the tool room and get an inventory.

V. New Business

- A. 08-09 FL-LOWPA - A contract with Donald Fanton for a diversion was presented for signing. The contract was reviewed and the project discussed. **Approved (Rung-Burdick)**

VI. Old Business

- A. Office Move/Rental - It was reported that we have discussed moving our offices to the back side of the building and offer the front half to the Board of Elections. Job Track will be here on August 2nd to paint the back section before we move into it. A layout of the new space was reviewed by the Board.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next regular meeting will be August 17, 2010 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

VIII. Correspondence:

No action required.

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IX. Executive Session

Board went into Executive Session at 7:25 pm to discuss Personnel matters. **(Bennett-Rung)**

Board came out of Executive Session at 8:00 pm. **(May-Rung)**

IX. Adjournment: 8:00PM

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman