

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - July 16, 2013
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, At-Large, Chair
Philip May, Farm Bureau
Curtis Rung, Grange
Doug Burdick, Legislator
Ted Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

I. Call to Order: 6:10pm

II. Minutes of June 18, 2013: Approved (Rung-May)

III. Financial Reports

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

1. Mr. May questioned the short fall of revenues in budget. Mr. Torrey noted that this will be made up when the District receives Year 8 AEM final payment and the Year 9 AEM advance payment.

B. Abstracts: **Approved (May-Hopkins)**

IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

A. NRCS - No One Present - Report Attached

B. FSA Report: Nicole Ayers, County Executive Director - Report Attached

C. Executive Director: Scott Torrey

1. Program Updates

a. Round 18 -

i. Doug Barney manure storage - bidding process complete. Bill Meehan was the lowest bidder at \$44,457. Waiting for Barney's to move forward.

ii. Kim Shaklee fencing - project out to bid.

b. FL-LOWPA - three projects for approval tonight.

c. AEM Year 9 - Working with Lynn Bliven, Nora Carnes and George Ellis on improving their beef operations

2. Technical Assistance

a. Friendship will start their FEMA project Wednesday; we will be assisting with

construction inspections and providing technical assistance.

- b. NYS Division of Homeland Service and Emergency Services is accepting Letters of Intent for Hazard Mitigation Projects. An estimated \$500 million is available from last year's storms. We have submitted a letter of intent for the Belfast project that we used FL-LOWPA money to plan. Requested \$500,000
- c. Assisting residents on Keller Road in the Town of Cuba who are having their homes threatened from a stream in their backyards.

3. County Forest

- a. Scott A. is working on painting boundary lines.
- b. There has been a trespass on the Horner Lot. A logger has been using a log road that crossed the Lot without permission causing damage to trees and the road. Referring matter to the County Attorney.
- c. Working with County Attorney to get a right of way to the Coleman Lot and Horner Lot.

4. General

- a. Accountant is now managing our finances, will be working out of our office for at least the first few weeks.
- b. Gloria officially retired July 14.
- c. Received Round 18 advance funds today. Waiting on State payment for Year 8 AEM final payment and Year 9 AEM 25% advance payment.
- d. Manager's meeting was held in Batavia last Wednesday; State funds for Soil and Water are strong. Also discussed two Districts who are facing financial difficulties due to mismanagement. Discussion was held about the causes of these difficulties.

V. Old Business

- A. Joe Lates update - Allegany County and the Town of Hume have been issued a Claim of Payment for the loss of Mr. Late's garage into Cold Creek. Discussion was held as to the District's position in the matter.
- B. Weir Lot Bid - The County rejected the 1 bid that was received. Soil and Water is working on getting another access road to make logging the Lot easier.

VI. New Business

- A. FL-LOWPA Project Approvals
 - 1. Dan Nickerson - Silage leachate system - \$10,000

Approved (Hopkins-Rung)

2. Lynn Bliven - Diversion ditch - \$5,000 **Approved (Hopkins-Rung)**
3. Rob Chamberlain - Grazing plan implementation - \$7,500 **Approved (Hopkins-Rung)**

VII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be August 20, 2013, at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

VIII. Correspondence

- A. None

IX. Adjournment: 7:05 pm

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman