

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - June 15, 2010
District Facility, 5390 County Road 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Ted Hopkins, Legislator
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: 6:00PM

II. Minutes of May 18, 2010: Approved (Rung-May)

III. Financial Reports

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

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

C. Facility: Discussion was held regarding the rental of a portion of the building to the Election Board for storage of their voting machines. It was the consensus of the Board that we offer the space to the County for \$500.00 per month, for approximately 800sqft.

IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

A. NRCS Report: (Report attached)

1. Kathy handed out a notice from May 25, 2010, regarding Giant Hogweed. NYSDEC will, for the 3rd year, be controlling giant hogweed plants in the State.
2. This is year USDA-NRCS will celebrate it's 75th Anniversary.
3. It was reported that there were 48 total applications for EQIP, AMA and WHIP, the amount of \$2,159,062. Six of these were funded for a total of \$121,313, with 42 remaining unfunded for a total of \$2,037,749. Eight county Great Lakes Team-174 applications for \$9,202,138. Seventy-six contracts developed totaling \$2,926,244. Since the Allegany County S&WCD was not able to provide any support for this sign-up producers did not get the rankings that they should have.

4. Kathy also discussed the NY Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Allegany County falls mostly into Priority Area 4, with sections of the northern part of the County being in Area 3. Kathy stated that the S&WCD's in counties with Priority 1 helped fund intensive studies in these watersheds, and DEC supported the findings, for this reason these areas will be funded first. Six producers currently signed are in the 3rd tier watershed area.
5. A Compliance form needs to be signed by the District in order for our employees to use NRCS files. **Approved (Rung-May)**
6. Angie started as District Conservationist in Cattaraugus County on June 7th. Allegany County has been approved for Conservation Technician, but unsure when the position will be filled.

6:15PM Legislative Representatives Hopkins and Burdick left at this time

B. Executive Director: (Report attached)

1. Program Updates were given on Round X, Round XIII, AEM Year 5, AEM Year 6 and FL-LOWPA. One out of the projects in Round X has been signed off on. No practices have been certified under Round XIII. Francisco Farms wants to change projects. We will be meeting with Brandes this week. AEM Yr5 is finished and Les is coming to approve the work and Closeout. Should be getting an additional \$185.00. We have applied for \$40,000.00 under Yr6 AEM. Completing summaries from last year and then starting on new farms. Files are being organized. It is unsure when any more funding for FL-LOWPA 08/09 will be forthcoming. We have several people looking for funding.
2. A computer network system is being looked into. The approximate cost would be \$750.00. It was the consensus that we get several more quotes. **Approved (Rung-May)**
3. The AEM person thru Steuben County is moving slow.
4. Manure applicator training was discussed.
5. We will be have a Job Track group come and clean out the shop area next Wednesday. The County will supply a dumpster at \$40/ton.
6. Discussion was held on submitting a farm for the NYS AEM award. Suggested names were Nickerson and Deichmann.
7. The Marcellus Symposium was discussed.

V. New Business

- A. Town of Independence Project - It was the consensus of the Board that we not pay for the replacement of a culvert in the Town of Independence. Discussion was held on using this Performance Measure Part C money for the erosion problem at the Town of Scio stock pile area.

VI. Old Business

- A. County Fair Booth - The County Fair Board will not allow double occupancy of any of their booths. The District has decided not to do a Fair booth this year.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next regular meeting will be July 20, 2010 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

VIII. Correspondence:

- A. NYCDEA - RE: State Fair Assessment - This is a yearly assessment for upkeep of the State Fair booth of \$100.00.
Approved (May-Rung)

No other action was required.

Board went into Executive Session at 7:40 pm to discuss Personnel matters. **(Rung-May)**

Board came out of Executive Session at 8:15 pm. **(May-Rung)**

IX. Adjournment: 8:15PM

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman