

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JUNE 18, 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

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

I. Call to Order: 6:03pm

II. Minutes of May 21, 2013: Approved (Rung-May)

III. Financial Reports

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

IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

- A. NRCS - No One Present - Report Received (attached)
 - 1. Restructuring - Allegany and Steuben Counties are now officially a Field Team. Steuben has a DC and 2 SCTs and has approximately 250 contracts. Allegany has a DC and 1 SCT and 47 contracts with 3 new GRP application sign-ups and 7 GLRI sign-ups. Scott Alsworth, AEM Coordinator, was thanked for his assistance with grazing plans and contacts.
 - 2. Farm Bill - The Farm Bill will be on the House floor for debate this evening.
 - 3. Field season is getting busy with the weather improving.
- B. FSA Report: Nicole Ayers, County Executive Director
 - 1. Interest rates are still extremely low for loans administered by FSA Farm Programs; June rates are: Commodity Loans (9mth) - 1.125%, Farm Storage Facility Loans (7, 10 & 12yrs) - 1.250%, 1.750% and 2.000%.
 - 2. MILC - A potential MILC payment for the months of May and June are: \$0.6980 and \$0.1400. These are 3rd party projections, not USDA data. MILC payments totaling almost \$170,000 were paid out since May. Still waiting on a few producers to update forms before they can be paid.
 - 3. MIDAS - MIDAS is still not operating correctly and it is important for producers to notify us ahead of coming in to report crops or sign-up for DCP if they have added land to their operation.

4. DCP - Enrollment for DCP is still ongoing; have completed approximately 45% of our contracts. The deadline is August 3rd for enrollment, with late file period ending September 3rd. There is no late report penalty. Crop reporting is approximately 48% complete
5. General CRP & GRP - Application periods for these sign-ups ended June 14th. We had 3 GRP applications and 4 CRP re-enrollment applications. We will know soon if the bids were selected.

C. Executive Director: Scott Torrey

1. Program Updates

- a. Round 18 - Doug Barney's manure storage is out for bid. Leonard is working on the design for Chis Reinbold's barnyard. Dave Saunder's fencing project is out for bid. Kim Shaklee is getting bids for his fencing.
- b. Round 19 - Plan of Work has been approved.
- c. FL-LOWPA - Working on getting more projects lined up.
- d. AEM Year 9 - Completed CNMP's for Andy Peet and Duane Brubaker. Completed a survey on the Brandes Farm so JESS Engineering can do the manure system design.

2. Technical Assistance

- a. Town Genesee - surveyed gravel site. Leonard has been working with them on correcting some issues that the Army Corp had with their culvert project from last year.
- b. County DPW - stream permit has been approved for County Rd 3.

3. Forestry - only one bid was received on the Weir Lot. That was from Rob Chamberlain for \$50,000. It was the consensus of the Board that we suggest that they rebid the Lot later this year. Scott A. has been assisting the Town of Wellsville with tree evaluations in the park.

4. General - Meeting with the accountant tomorrow to begin the process of transferring things to them. Also working on cleaning up and organizing and getting the files up to date.

V. Old Business

- A. Health Department Septic System Approvals - The County has signed a contract with Clark Patterson for the Septic System approvals.

VI. New Business

- A. Resolution 2013-03 "Authorization to Sign" **Approved (Burdick-May)**
- B. Resolution 2013-04 "Appointment of Secretary & Treasurer" **Approved (May-Rung)**
- C. Records Manager - Scott Torrey was appointed Records Manager. **Approved (May-Burdick)**
- D. Returned Check Policy - A fee of \$35.00 will be charged for all "Returned Checks". **Approved (Burdick-Rung)**

VII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be July 16, 2013, at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

VIII. Correspondence

- A. NYACD Division I Director's Meeting - July 9th at Glen Iris Inn. All directors, employees and spouses are invited. Expenses for directors, employees and spouses will be covered by the District. **Approved (Rung-May)**

IX. Adjournment: 6:55 pm

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman