

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MARCH 20, 2012  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair  
Philip May, Farm Bureau  
Douglas Burdick, Legislator  
Curtis Rung, Grange  
Ted Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Kathy Kos, NRCS

- I. Call to Order: 5:07pm**
- II. Minutes of February 21, 2012 Approved (Rung-May)**
- III. Financial Reports**
- A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Rung-May)**
  - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Rung-May)**
  - C. Audit Report: **Approved (May-Rung)**
- IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
- A. NRCS Report: Kathy Kos, District Conservationist
    - 1. Four (4) applications have been funded for the EQIP High Tunnel program totaling \$26,004.00. Next sign-up closes March 30<sup>th</sup>, more sign-ups anticipated following the CCE conference. Last date for sign-up will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - 2. Three (3) EQIP Livestock Waste applications, and 2 grazing applications were received. There will be an EQIP-GLRI sign-up for anyone not funded under the regular EQIP, if they are in a specific GL watershed.
    - 3. EQIP Forestry sign-up closes March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are 17 applications in the system, with at least 3 more expected. Also taking applications for Forestry CAP's to be done by certified TSP's, on a continuing sign-up through May 29<sup>th</sup>, first come, first serve.
    - 4. Two CSP sign-ups to be done by Thursday, with pre-approvals by Friday.
    - 5. No appropriations for WHIP this year.
    - 6. Notices for anaerobic digester funding and fraud alert were handed out.
    - 7. Completed repairs on another sheet pile structure outside Cuba. Warm weather is getting everyone thinking about completing their current contracts.

- B. FSA Report: Not in attendance, written report submitted.
1. Interest rates still extremely low. March rates are: Commodity Loans (9mth)-1.125%; Farm Storage Loans (7, 10 and 12yrs)-1.375%, 2.000% and 2.500%.
  2. All funding has been halted. There was a conference call today to update County Committee members across the State on the status of the budget. Four FSA offices across the State will be closing and 131 nationwide. There will be a cap of 117 employees in New York State.
  3. A 3<sup>rd</sup> party website is projecting a potential MILC payment for February until August, the largest projected payment in May of over \$1. MILC producers will need to complete a New FY2012 Adjusted Gross Income Statement before payments can be issued.
  4. DCP sign-up began on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no advanced payments, all payments will be received in October. Allegany County currently has 102 contracts enrolled. Last year we had 456 contracts approved.
  5. A General CRP sign-up is going on until April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Executive Director: Scott Torrey
1. Program Updates
    - a. Ag Assessments are ongoing, we have completed 97 parcels for 6,747 acres so far this year.
    - b. Round XVIII - Approval list expected in April.
    - c. AEM Year 7 - Working on CNMP's for Andy Peet, Bruce Vosburg, and Brian Babcock. Need to complete another 200 AEM hours before May 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - e. FL-LOWPA - Bruce Vosburg's project will start when it dries up. Randy Miller has requested a stream fencing project. Need projects for Hazard Mitigation funds of \$12,600. A portion of these funds will be used for time spent doing stream designs and permitting applications.
    - f. Performance Measures - Part C contract has been submitted and the District qualified for 100% funding of \$14,594.32.
  2. Technical Assistance
    - a. Stream Permits - Completed and sent in 2 permits, and 6 awaiting applicants signatures.
    - b. Town of Genesee has requested assistance for sluice pipe replacement, bridge maintenance and sluice repair.

- c. No word has been received on our request from DEC pertaining to maintenance on the River project in Belfast.
  - d. Gordon Arber - Information is being gathered on Army Corp project that took place behind his house, possibly be contacting DOT.
  - e. Assisting Karl Kruger with a response to Army Corp for working on stream without a permit.
3. County Forest
- a. The Management Plan is complete.
  - b. Cutting is proceeding on the Dixon Lot.
4. Annual Plan of Work approved by Jeff Tenyck and sent to State.

**V. New Business**

- A. 10-Hour Days - The staff will be given the option to go to 10-hour days. The office will be open the normal hours 5-days a week, with employees alternating days off. The 2 technical employees will not be off on the same day.
- B. Computer Purchase - Replacement of all 3 computers was discussed. We have equipment funds remaining in the FL-LOWPA grant. **APPROVED (May-Rung)**

**VI. Old Business**

- A. CNMP/CAFOs - Two fee schedules for CNMP's were discussed. 1) Bill the farmer \$2.00/acre for soil sampling, plus the lab fees; 2) Set an hourly rate for sampling and AEM cover 75% and the farmer 25%. Fee schedule #1 was accepted by the Board. **APPROVED (Hopkins-May)**
- B. County Forest Plan - The County Forest Management Plan to be submitted to the County. **APPROVED (Burdick-May)**

**VII. Announcements**

- A. Next meeting - April 17, 2012 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

**VIII. Correspondence**

No correspondence required action.

**IX. Adjournment: 6:00pm**

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Gloria D. Miess  
Secretary

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman