

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MARCH 19, 2013  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair  
Philip May, Farm Bureau  
Curtis Rung, Grange

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Liz Wesche  
Nicole Ayers, FSA

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:17pm
- II. **Minutes of February 19, 2013: Approved (Rung-May)**
- III. **Financial Reports**
- A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (May-Rung)**
  - B. Abstracts: **Approved (May-Rung)**
  - C. Resolution 2013-02 - "Government/Municipal/Public Funds Banking Resolution: **Approved (May-Rung)**
- IV. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
- A. NRCS - Liz Wesche, Soil Conservationist
    - 1. EQIP - Allegany County had 3 Forestry applications funded. Two were for Forestry Conservation Activity Plans (CAPS), to have Stewardship plans written by a private forester.
    - 2. There have been no announcements on GLRI funding possibilities as yet.
    - 3. Sheldon is back from his detail in Nevada.
    - 4. Liz will be helping Matt Havens, from MLRA team, with the Envirothon this year.
  - B. FSA Report: Nicole Ayers, County Executive Director
    - 1. Interest rates are extremely low for loans administered by FSA Farm Programs; March rates are: Commodity Loans (9mth) - 1.125%, Farm Storage Facility Loans (7,10 & 12yrs) - 1.375%, 2.000% and 2.250%.
    - 2. Sequestration has taken place and as of yet they have no idea how it is to affect them. A hiring freeze is still on, but still receiving assistance from Cattaraugus County two days a week and more if needed.
    - 3. The MIDAS initiative looks to be coming fairly soon; are hoping to complete the training the first part of April. This is a new computer system for managing programs and customer data bases. In preparation for

the changeover they have limited access to the mapping and Farm Records systems until training is received.

4. No word has been received as to when or if the October 2012 MILC payment will be made.
5. DCP sign-up started a month ago and currently 25% complete with our contract sign-ups compared to last year's sign up numbers. Crop reporting is 38% complete compared to last year's figures.
6. Nicole has been working with a County Operations Trainee from Steuben County for the last few weeks training him on DCP and Office Management.

C. Executive Director: Scott Torrey

1. Program Updates

- a. Round 18 - Still waiting on the State. Planning to do Doug Barney's manure storage and possibly Chris Reinbold's feed pad this summer.
- b. Round 19 - We were awarded funding for the Cryder Creek BMPs under Round 19. The total grant funding is \$256,675, with \$191,975 coming from the state. The projects funded are: Will Hall - concrete manure storage; and Duane Brubaker - concrete feeding pay and solid manure storage/feeding barn.
- c. AEM Year 8 - Continuing to work on several different farms at different levels of planning. Starting to prioritize areas for Round 20 grant application.
- d. FL-LOWPA - 2008-09 Closeout will be finished this week. The deadline for 2009-10 has been extended to March 31, 2014. FL-LOWPA received their funding money and we should be receiving the funds for the 2010-11 grant shortly.

2. Technical Assistance

- a. Working on designs for upcoming projects.
- b. Town of Friendship - meeting with FEMA next week to go over project designs and implementation.

3. County Forest

- a. Weir Lot Sale bid closing will be in June.

4. State

- a. Part A Reimbursement has been received for a total of \$59,324.73. There was not enough funding available to cover the full \$60,000.00.
- b. Part B and C will not be funded in 2013 due to the increase in funding for Part A.
- c. Annual Plan of Work due April 1<sup>st</sup>, submitted today.

**V. Old Business**

- A. Weir Lot Timber Sale - Covered in Executive Director's Report.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Round 19 - Covered in Executive Director's Report.
- B. Plotter Purchase - Executive Director requested permission to purchase a large plotter, at a cost of around \$15,000.00, for engineering work. **Approved (Bennett-Rung)**

**VII. Announcements**

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

**VIII. Correspondence - No correspondence.**

**IX. Adjournment: 5:55pm**

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Gloria D. Miess  
Secretary

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman