

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

Directors

Rod Bennett, At-Large, Chair
Curtis Rung, Grange
Phil May, Farm Bureau

Staff

Scott Torrey, Executive Director

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA
Liz Wesche, NRCS
Jeff Teneyck, Division of Land and Water
Resources

- I. Call to Order: 5:15 pm**
- II. Minutes of October 15, 2013: Approved (Rung-May)**
- III. Financial Reports**
- A. Treasurer’s Report: **Approved (May-Rung)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (May-Rung)**
- IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
- A. NRCS: Report attached
 - B. FSA: Report attached
 - C. Jeff Teneyck –
 - 1. Jeff touched on several topics that were included in his November report.
 - 2. Ag and Markets is working with the DEC to get additional funds from the EPF to help with flood response training.
 - 3. Round 19 funds are moving slow. Round 20 grant was slated to be announced first part of November, but has been delayed.
 - 4. The state is adding a field representative – Victor DiGiacomo will be replacing Jeff as our area representative.
 - D. Executive Director: Scott Torrey
 - 1. Program Updates:
 - Round 18
 - Kim Shaklee fence project is done. There are some funds left so we are going to fix some laneway issues.
 - Round 19
 - Contract signed and sent back to state.
 - Round 20
 - Still no word on this Round.
 - FL_LOWPA

1. Rob Chamberlain has finished his fence project.
 2. Dan Nickerson's leachate project is complete, waiting on bills so we can pay him.
 3. 2009-10 FL-LOWPA grant is complete. Working on the final report and will submit it next week.
 4. 2014-15 proposal is due December 9.
- AEM
 - Year 9
 1. Working on grazing plans, CNMPs, Tier 1 and 2
 2. Our voucher for payment was misplaced in Albany; we should have payment this week.
 3. AEM Year 9 Interim Report Due November 30, we will be asking for another payment of \$16,701 for time worked.
2. Technical Assistance:
 - Leonard met with the DEC and Alma Rod and Gun Club about their dam. Still waiting for a final word from DEC on what they are going to require.
 - Submitted application for the Belfast Bank Stabilization project. Total grant was for \$500,000, FEMA cost was \$375,000, approximately \$109,000 coming from NY State Dorm Authority from previous river projects and SWCD \$15,000 in kind.
 3. Ag District 2
 - Total enrollment is 32,582 acres up from 30,960 acres enrolled at the last review.
 - Report needs to be completed and reviewed by Farmland Protection Board by 12/16/13.
 - Will be setting the public hearing date at the Planning and Economic Development meeting tomorrow.
 4. General
 - Funding update:

Fund Source	Received	Owed
AEM Year 9		\$18,750.00
09 FL-LOWPA		\$11,250.00
Seneca Trails RC&D	\$500.00	
Total	\$500.00	\$30,000.00

V. Old Business

A. Changes to Budget

1. The insurance line in the budget needs to be increased \$11.44 after receiving the final quote. **Approved (Rung-May)**
2. Retirement – increased due to increase in final retirement bill for 2014. **Approved (Rung-May)**
3. Scott Alsworth's pay – A lengthy discussion was had regarding the possibility of increasing Scott Alsworth's pay higher. It was finally decided that the original increase from the October board meeting would remain in the budget. Jeff Teneyck suggested that in the future we develop a standard pay grade scale for each position. **Approved (Rung-May)**

VI. New Business

- A. IRS Issues – board was informed of the IRS visit and that we had underpaid the

IRS by approximately \$100. We have since paid the payment to the IRS and are awaiting any penalties.

- B. Pat Carlin Unemployment Issues – Board was informed that the Department of Labor had issued a fine in the unemployment dispute over Pat Carlin’s contractor status. We have through the County Attorney’s office appealed this fine. The Board also recommended that the Executive Director contact Cathy Young’s office.
- C. Insurance Approval – Reviewed 2014 coverage from Richardson and Stout. It was recommended that we seek other quotes for 2015. **Approved (Rung-May)**
- D. CCA Training – Syracuse December 3-5 – Request for Scott T. to attend. **Approved (Rung-May)**

VII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be December 17, 2013, at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

VIII. Correspondence

- A. November Division of Land & Water Resources Update

IX. Adjournment: 6:30 pm (May-Rung)

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman