

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - October 26, 2010
District Facility, 5390 County Road 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
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
Nicole Ayers, FSA

Visitors

Joe Lates, Landowner

I. Call to Order: 6:07PM

II. Minutes of September 21, 2010: Approved (Rung-May)

III. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

A. NRCS Report:

1. NRCS is operating on a Continuing Resolution at the present time. Spending and staffing to be held to 2010 FY amounts.
2. New program signup is expected around January.
3. The Account Based Costing (ABC) Workload Analysis is expected to take approximately 60-70 hours to complete.
4. Projects started this month are 3 spring developments, 1 barnyard and 4 fencing projects.
5. Liz is at Harmony Training all this week. November is American Indian Heritage Month.
6. Local Working Group meeting will be held October 27th. Scott and Rodney are part of the Working Group.

B. FSA Report: (Report Attached)

1. Fiscal Year 2011 began October 1st.
2. CRP Annual Rental Payments totaling \$83,076 were issued the week of October 4th.
3. DCP payments totaling \$231,885 and DELAP payments totaling \$24,730.23 were issued the week of October 11th.
4. A new Soybean Crop Assistance Program has been announced in Allegany County for 2009. Producers who suffered at least a 5% loss due to adverse weather conditions can signup until December 9th.
5. A new Web based software is being used for taking acreage reports.
6. Any producer receiving payments from NRCS or FSA will be required to fill out a CCC-927 and/or CCC928

allowing IRS to identify that they in fact meet all AGI limitations. The producers may have to forfeit all payments received if this form is not filed for the applicable FY. A list of 200 producers who have not filed this form are being contacted to keep them in compliance.

7. Updating of Farm Records has begun with new owners/operators, making Non-Ag determinations and Farm Reconstitutions to get ready for the 2011 DCP sign-up.

C. Joe Lates - Joe explained to the Board his erosion problem and discussed his need for financial assistance in remedying the problem. We have had the situation checked by engineers and their estimated repair costs were \$25,000 - \$30,000. Different avenues of funding opportunities were discussed. There is not enough funding under District programs to cover this project. Remedial work has been done on the site and that has washed out already.

D. Executive Director Report: (Report Attached)

1. Program updates -

- a. Round X - It was reported that the participant whose signature we are waiting for has signed the forms and we will be finishing the Close-out on Round X in the near future.
- b. Round XIII - Working on reports for each farm in order to obtain engineers sign-off. Baker's project is complete and signed-off by JESS Engineering. Brandes is gathering bids and will be starting shortly.
- c. Year 6 AEM - We have completed 320 hours out of the required 1176. The Cover Crop Demo was unable to be planted due to weather and meeting schedules. Working on information for the engineer on Bennett, Bainbridge and Brandes for VTA's and manure transfers. We have 4 farms interested in having their CNMP's done by the District. A fee schedule will need to be set. Three plans will need to be finished by next March to get certification. Certification will allow us to go after \$75,000 in AEM Year 7 funding.
- d. Part B Money - Discussion was held on using the Part B funds to assist Joe Lates with his erosion situation. However, it was the

consensus of the Board that the funds available would not do enough to solve the problem and it was decided not to use the funds for this project.

- e. Part C Money - The issues in Bainbridge's barnyard will be done in November. Discussion was held on using the balance of the Part C funds to purchase a 4-wheeler from East Side Yamaha, at State Bid Price, to assist with soil sampling and other field work.

4-Wheeler Purchase - Approved (Rung - May)

- f. FL-LOWPA - We should be receiving approximately \$60,000 of the FL-LOPWA08-09 funds by March and the final 10% in State FY 2011-12. Of course, this is all subject to change. Working on updating the FL-LOWPA08-09 narrative to reflect the changes made in the program. Don Fanton's project has been completed and paid. Apparently the Belfast project has been completed and we have received invoices, but no design on what was done. This project will be moved to Part B funding.
2. River Project - The District is responsible for the annual inspection and maintenance on the FEMA River projects. RMS Technologies will complete the inspections for \$750 - \$1,000.00 per year. This will be written into the FL-LOWPA grants each year.
 3. Landowner Projects - We have looked at a stream bank erosion problem at Beverly Trimble's in Almond. Jeff Parker from Steuben County is assisting with this project. Have also been contacted by Brandon LaValley in regards to the clean-out of Plum Bottom Creek in the Village of Belmont. We have assisted them with the permit for the project and they are requesting funding for the project. There is no funding available at this time.
 4. We have completed the networking system of all the office computers.

IV. New Business

- A. 2011 Conservation Project Request - The 2011 Conservation Project Request for updating the County Forest Plan was reviewed .

2011 Conservation Project - Approved (Rung - May)

B. Round XVII RFP - The RFP for Round XVII has been received and is due December 6th. We are going to be putting in one or two applications for approximately 4-5 participants.

C. CNMP Program - Discussion was held on pricing for CNMP related work. It was the consensus of the Board that until we have certification that no fees be charges. The plans will need a number of colored maps and discussion was held on the purchase of a color copier.

Purchase of Color Copier - Approved (May - Rung)

V. Old Business

A. Mike Kintner - We have consulted with the County Attorney regarding Mr. Kintner's Invoice for services for removing the password on the laptop. It was the County Attorney's recommendation that we pay Mr Kintner the sum of \$80.00, which was agreed to by Mr. Kintner.

Payment of \$80.00 to Mr. Kintner - Approved (Rung - Burdick) 3-yes 1-no

B. Performance Measure Status - We have been informed that Ted's membership on the Ag Blue Ribbon Task Force and attendance at the meeting in the spring qualifies. This completes our requirements for 1f. We are planning a tour at the next meeting of WRC, Scott will be attending "Meet the Professionals" at Houghton College on November 11th and a training session for the highway crews will complete our 2b requirements.

C. FL-LOWPA 08-09 Narrative Update - Numerous changes have been made in the FL-LOWPA 08-09 project narrative. We have completed the revision of this narrative and submitted it to FL-LOWPA.

VI. Financial Reports

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

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

C. **Resolution 2010-04 "Setting of an Availability Period for District Receipts": Approved (Rung - May)**

VII. Announcements

A. Next regular meeting will be November 16, 2010 at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

B. Directors up for reappointment in 2011 will be Rodney Bennett, Ted Hopkins and Doug Burdick.

Reappointment of Bennett, Hopkins & Burdick - Approved (Rung - May)

- C. It was reported that Ted Hopkins is improving and attended the Board of Legislators' meeting this week.
- D. A request was sent to the Board of Legislators for the increase in per diem for District Board members. It has passed by Committee and is expected to go to the Full Board on November 8th.

VIII. Executive Session

Board went into Executive Session at 7:40 pm **(Rung - May)**

Board came out of Executive Session at 8:30 pm. **(Bennett - May)**
Motion to hire an AEM Environmental Planner - Approved (Rung - May)

IX. Correspondence:

Correspondence were reviewed and no action taken.

X. Adjournment: 8:35PM

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman