

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - OCTOBER 25, 2011
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

I. Call to Order: 6:10pm

II. Minutes of September 20, 2011: Approved (Rung-May)

III. Financial Reports

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

IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

A. NRCS - No Representative - No Report

B. FSA: Nicole Ayers, County Executive Director (Attached)

1. Interest rates are still extremely low; October rates are: Commodity Loans (9mth) - 1.125%, Farm Storage Facility Loans (7, 10 and 12yrs) - 1.500%, 2.125% and 2.375%.
2. Annual payments were made. Paid out \$464,102 this fiscal year to the producers and landowners in Allegany County; including \$291,544 for DCP and \$82,447 for CRP payments made this month.
3. The new fiscal year will begin October 1st. The outlook is not so favorable budget wise as we are operating on a continuing resolution. Newsletters have been cut back to 4 in 2012, County Committee meetings are to be held on an 'as needed' basis and encouraged to be held as teleconferences.
4. The http://www.nmpg.org/milk_pricing/milc_payments website is no longer projecting a potential MILC payment for the month of November. It has now projected a February payment. This is a 3rd party website, now USDA data. MILC producers will need to come in and complete a FY2012 Adjusted Gross Income Statement before payments can be issued.

5. County Committee elections ballots will be counted on December 8th at 1:00pm at the Service Center. There are no funds to send out Newsletters so will need to be creative about circulating nominee biographies. The 5 nominees are: John Francisco, Vance Hark, Maria Mulligan, Kim Shaklee and Lester York.

C. Executive Director: Scott Torrey (Attached)

1. Program Updates

- a. Round XIII - Completed Final Report and waiting for Jeff Tenyck's approval.
- b. AEM Year 7 - Reviewing farms for Round 18. We have 3 more farms interested in having CNMPs completed. Still waiting on the 3rd CNMP review.
- c. FL-LOWPA - Angelica is ready to move on their project. Narrative for 2009/10 funding money has been submitted and we will receive advance of \$33,132.00 when it is approved. Now that we are sure of funding we will be lining up projects for next spring.
- d. Performance Measures - Kim Shaklee's barnyard is being built this week, should be finished by next week.

2. Technical Assistance

- a. Town of Andover - permit submitted for bridge maintenance on Main Street consisting of rip rap placement on bank and removal of gravel under bridge. DEC approval has been received.
- b. Town of Scio - permit for Pixley Hill bridge has been approved. Consists of rip rap installation to protect exposed wing wall.
- c. Sharon Thornton - stream bank stabilization and bridge maintenance project on County Road 27B to be performed by end of October beginning of November by County DPW. Consists of installation of rip rap and removal of gravel from under the bridge.
- f. Dennis Butts - starting stream stabilization this fall, to be completed in 2012.
- g. Currently have requests for 13 stream permits and stabilization help.

V. **New Business**

- A. 2012 Board Appointments - A request will be sent to the County Legislators to have Curtis Rung, Ted Hopkins and Doug Burdick appointed to the Board again. **Approved (May-Bennett)**

- B. Performance Measure - Part B for 2012 request for a project on the Chris Reinbold farm was presented. **Approved (Rung-Hopkins)**
- C. Angelica FL-LOWPA Contract - **Approved (May-Hopkins)**

VI. Old Business

- A. County Forests - Scott A. is preparing a 10 year plan for cutting of County Forests. The Dixon Lot is the #1 priority for pulp and softwood timber. The Weir Lot would be #2 for a hardwood cutting.

VII. Announcements

- A. The next meeting will be moved to November 15, 2011, at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

VIII. Communications

- No communications required action.

IX. Adjournment: 7:35pm

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman