

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - September 21, 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

I. Call to Order: 6:00PM

II. Minutes of August 17, 2010: Approved (Rung-May)

III. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports

A. NRCS Report:

1. Sheldon Hightower, the new Area Team Leader and Liz Laine Wesche, new Soil Conservationist at the Belmont office were introduced.
2. Meeting was held with FSA, S&WCD and NRCS to discuss programs
3. Four (4) contracts have been completed since August, along with field monitoring of 28 CRP contracts.
4. Information regarding the Emerald Ash Borer was distributed.

B. FSA Report: (Report Attached)

1. All 5 General CRP Signup 39 applications were accepted and contracts will begin October 1st.
2. Gearing up for DCP and CRP payments that will be made the first part of October. CRP spot-checks will continue.
3. An Ad-Hoc disaster program has been announced for 2009 Soybeans.
4. A Conservation Loan program is being offered by Farm Loan to help fund projects that are conservation focused in nature. Funding is available nationwide, up to \$75million until September 30th for shovel ready projects. Direct loans have a limit of \$300,000 and Guaranteed loans over \$1million. Guaranteed loans can be used for already started/completed projects. Another \$75million will be available for FY2011. Applicants will need to fulfill all requirements for Direct ownership loans with the exception of the "test for credit".

C. Executive Director Report: (Report Attached)

1. Program updates -

- a. Round X - As soon as we get one more farmer's signature Round 10 will be complete and ready for Close-out.
 - b. Round XIII - The projects at Brandes, May, Hopkins and Cartwright have been reviewed by an engineer and are expected to be signed off on. Should be reviewing the projects at Bainbridge within a few weeks. Brandes is awaiting a design and will have their projects completed by the end of the year.
 - c. Year 6 AEM - We have completed 250 hours out of the required 1176. We are planning a cover crop demonstration with 3 different crops and establishment methods in cooperation with CE and Bainbridge Farms. The VTAs at Bainbridge and Brandes have been surveyed for the Tier 5B's. Assisting 3 CAFO farms get their vegetative treatment areas and waste transfer lines certified.
 - d. Part C - we plan to use Part C dollars to fix Round XIII issues and streambank stabilization problems.
 - e. FL-LOWPA - The projects at Acomb and Fanton are complete and signed off on. Should be receiving more FL-LOWPA funding by March 31, 2011.
2. Part B - Paul Kretser will do the County Forest Plan under 2011 Part B funding and we are considering moving the 2010 dollars to a project at Joe Lates.
3. River Project - We have found that the District is responsible for the annual inspection and maintenance of the FEMA river projects. Have contacted RMS Technologies to handle the inspections.
4. Landowners - We have been contacted by the following landowners, mainly regarding streambank erosion problems: Beverly Trimble, Brandon LaValley, Joe Lates, Kim Decker, Herb Lindermann, Dan Clancy, as well as a request for erosion assistance on the WAG Trail.

IV. New Business

- A. 2011 Insurance - We have received a tentative quote for our 2011 insurance, which is only about \$100 higher than 2010.
- B. Director's Training Plans - New Training Plans for the Directors were reviewed.
- C. NYACD Resolutions - Copies of the NYACD Resolutions have been distributed to the Directors for comment.
- D. District Brochure - We are in the process of formulating a District Brochure for distribution. A copy was reviewed by the Board.
- E. Rain Garden/Rain Barrel Program - Discussion was held on the District doing a Rain Garden/Rain Barrel Program for landowners. We have a site at the facility for a possible demonstration Rain Garden and have contacted Chemung County for assistance with getting a program started.

V. Old Business

- A. County Rent Contract - We received a counter offer of \$350 for rental of building space. We offered to let them store the machines from September to November in the space, as is, but did not receive an answer to that offer. It was the consensus of the Directors that we not rent the area at this time.
- B. Performance Measure Status - Part C Performance Measure requirements were reviewed with the Board.

VI. Financial Reports

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

VII. Announcements

- A. Next regular meeting will be October 26, 2010 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

IX. Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed and the following action taken:

- D. Attendance at the Crop Advisors Training **Approved (Bennett-May)**

X. Adjournment: 7:30PM

Gloria D. Miess
Secretary

Rodney Bennett
Chairman