

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 18, 2012  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

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

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA  
Liz Wesche, NRCS

**I. Call to Order: 6:08pm**

**II. Minutes of August 21, 2012 Approved (Hopkins-May)**

**III. Financial Reports**

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

**IV. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**

A. NRCS: Liz Wesche, Soil Conservationist

1. Application period for next round of funding for programs runs through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in signing up for FY2013 Farm Bill Programs needs to have an application filled out by this date.
2. Have 53 active contracts that total \$1,888,846.69.
3. Maurice Cairns was funded for the Grassland Reserve Program.
4. John Stoltzfus has finished setting his tank and pipeline for his spring development.
5. Already have one forestry contract completed that was funded under this year's EQIP Forestry Program.
6. Terry Hodnett is moving forward with his silage leachate collection system and VTA for his bunk silo.
7. Lester York is working on his spring development.
8. WHIP site visits are almost wrapped up. Three more checks to make, everybody has done well on being prompt on their contract items.
9. Josh Mason and Liz worked on surveying an area for a VTA at Chuck Deichman's heifer facility.
10. Liz worked at the NRCS State Fair booth handing out information and answering questions. Great outreach opportunity.

11. Local Working Group session is coming up on October 12, 2012.

B. FSA: Nicole Ayers, County Executive Director

1. Interest rates are still extremely low for loans. September rates are: Commodity Loans (9Mths) - 1.125%; Farm Storage Facility Loans (7,10 & 12yrs) - 1.125%, 1.625% and 1.875%.
2. MILC payments being projected by NMPF.org for February until August rates are as follows: February -.03895; March-0.8262; April-1.2110; May-1.2164; June-1.3677; July-1.6382 and August-1.4774. The County office has sent out a total of \$580,936 since February's MILC payment.
3. CRP payments are scheduled to be released to the County Office on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and DCP on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be making payments to the producers once these have been released to the County office.
4. There was an Emergency Haying and Grazing option offered to CRP contract holders, only 4 contract holders showed interest.
5. There have been a number of personnel challenges and changes in our area. A Program Technician from Niagara County was directly reassigned to Genesee County and the advertisement for a County Executive Director position was not filled for Steuben/Yates County. A trainee will be hired that is interested in filling the position. The 4 county offices that were slated to close were Yates, Albany, Sullivan & Saratoga.
6. Allegany County FSA is being required to set up a display that "piggy-backs" a public meeting/function to advertise the Hispanic and Women's Claim Process.

C. Executive Director: Scott Torrey

1. Program Updates

- a. Round 18 - Plan of Work & final changes have been submitted. Bainbridge manure storage is finished, except for the fencing.
- b. Round 19 - No word yet when this will open up.
- c. AEM Year 8 - Gathering projects for Round 19. Working on a CNMP for Will Hall so he can apply for a manure storage under Round 19. Assisted Ken Adams with Health Department and DEC complaints regarding milk house waste issues.
- d. FL-LOWPA - Cockle's barnyard, consisting of a 2180 square foot concrete laneway and curbing, is complete. Randy Miller's 1100 ft of fencing and laneway work is complete. Bruce Vosburg is starting next week. Kim Shaklee has his fence

contractor in place. Dave Saunders and Chris Reinbold's plans are complete and they are ready to start.

- e. Performance Measures - Do not expect the Babcock project to get done this year as the NRCS portion does not have to be done until 2013. We are exploring other options for the use of this money. MacCrae is in the process of constructing their fence.
- 2. Technical Assistance
  - a. Assisted Town of Wirt with salt storage construction. Completed permit for George Trummer on Rushford Lake.
- 3. County Forest
  - a. Kaminski Logging started cutting on the Snyder Lot this past week.
- 4. County Budget
  - a. Approved by the Board of Legislature on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Will need to be approved by our Board.

**V. New Business**

- A. Dixon Lot Boundary Problems - A driveway into a trailer on adjacent property has been cut across County land. Working with the County on having a survey done of the property and who pays for the survey.
- B. Discussion was held on the purchase, through FL-LOWPA funding, of a computer for the Watershed Technician and updating the ArcView program. **APPROVED (May-Rung)**

**VI. Old Business**

- A. County 3Yr Contract - **Approved (May-Rung)**
- B. Watershed Technician Update - Everything is ready to advertise the position. Salary was discussed and it was the consensus of the Board that this be set commensurate with training and experience.
- C. Amity River Site Update - We have received a letter from the Corp of Engineers stating that they are not concerned with the changes and that nothing needs to be done at this time.

**VII. Communications**

No action was required on any of the communications.

**VIII. Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters at 7:00pm. **Approved (May-Rung)**

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:45pm. **Approved (Hopkins-Burdick)**

**IX. Announcements**

Next meeting October 16, 2012, 6:00pm at the District Facility.

**X. Adjournment:** 8:45pm

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Gloria D. Miess  
Secretary

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman