

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – APRIL 15, 2014
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Executive Director

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA
Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and
Water Resources

1. **Call to Order:** 6:05pm
2. **Minutes of March 18, 2014: Approved (Hopkins-May)**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Rung-Hopkins)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Rung-Hopkins)**
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - A. NRCS: Report Attached
 - B. FSA: Report attached
 - C. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources
 - i. AEM Year 10
 1. Annual Action Plan is due May 1, 2014
 2. Year 10 begins May 7, 2014
 3. Allegany County is eligible for \$85,000
 4. Strategic plan needs to be updated during Year 10
 - ii. AEM Year 9
 1. Ends May 6, 2014
 - iii. Round 20
 1. 93 proposals submitted, 92 accepted
 2. Ranked list should be available early summer
 - iv. Round 21
 1. Should be announced in August
 - v. State Budget
 1. \$1,225,000 increase for Soil and Water
 2. Part B will be funded for the full \$6,000
 - a. Money will be available in July 2014
 3. Part C Performance Measures – An anticipated \$10,000 will be available for each district in 2015.
 - vi. Staff Changes
 1. Jeff Teneyck is retiring May 7

2. Virginia Weston is retiring in July
3. Judy Snyder replaces Nancy Lawler

D. Executive Director

i. Program Updates:

1. Round 18
 - a. No changes
2. Round 19
 - a. Will Hall – meeting with the manure storage company and Will on Thursday to go over the designs and plans.
 - b. Duane Brubaker – Have met with Duane and have final building dimensions, Leonard is working on designs so it can go to bid.
3. Round 20
 - a. Canacadea Creek Grazing Systems – \$83,580
 - b. Black Creek Watershed Protection – \$263,410
 - c. Hillcrest Homestead Manure System – \$296,786.30
 - d. Oil Creek BMP Implementation – \$117,058.00
4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Need approval for a silage leachate project at Bennett Brothers Farm
 - b. Meeting with Mike Vosburg on Monday to discuss doing a milk house waste system
5. AEM
 - a. Year 9
 - i. Year ends May 6
 - ii. Assisting NRCS with EQIP applications
 - iii. Scott A. has been working various farms with their pasture plans.
 - b. Year 10
 - i. Year begins May 7
 - ii. We will be eligible for up to \$85,000 for Year 10. Will require us to spend an additional 256 hours on the AEM program.

ii. Technical Assistance:

1. Assisting the Town of Allen with gravel removal from Rush Creek in the Town of Hume.
2. Assisting the Town of Amity to do gravel removal and bank stabilization along Philips Creek where a bridge is threatened

iii. Ag District 2

1. Report has been reviewed and is being sent to the Commissioner of Agriculture's Office for approval.

iv. County Forest

1. Boundaries have been marked on the following properties: Metz, C. Horner and Travis Lots
2. Still waiting on a meeting with the DEC to determine if we can get access to the Weir Lot utilizing DEC property.

5. Old Business

- A. None

6. New Business

- A. Audit Committee Report
 - i. Rod was unable to perform the audit so this was tabled until the May meeting.
- B. FL-LOWPA contract approval for Bennett Brothers Farm: **Approved (Hopkins-Rung, Bennett – Abstained)**
 - i. \$2500 to correct silage leachate system
- C. Grasstravaganza Meeting – Scott Alsworth would like to attend: **Approved (Rung-Hopkins)**
- D. District Law Training
 - i. Victor DiGiacomo went through District Law Training with everyone in attendance.

7. Announcements

- A. Next Board Meeting: April 15, 2014, 6:00 pm

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment: 6:15 pm

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman