

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –August 18, 2015
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Jim Wilcox, Grange
Karl Graves, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 pm
2. **Minutes of July 21, 2015: Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
 - i. Update on utilities cost:
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - A. NRCS – No Report
 - B. FSA – Report attached
 - C. Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
 - D. Executive Director
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 18
 - a. No changes in the last month
 2. Round 19
 - a. No changes in the last month
 3. Round 20
 - a. Bainbridge – plans to have bedded pack barn completed by the end of the month
 - b. Joe McMahon has completed about half of his fencing project. The remainder will be installed in 2016.
 4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Working on designs for Bruce Vosburg's project.
 5. AEM
 - a. Year 11
 - i. Working on pasture plans, nutrient management plans and Tier 1 and 2's for many different farms.
 - ii. Completing a CNMP for Joe Bolzan for NRCS funding
 - ii. Technical Assistance:
 1. We have been following up with private landowner calls from the July storm.
 2. We are working with the County DPW on a gravel removal project where flooding occurred on County Road 27B in Hume

3. Working on what County Forest Lot to cut next. We had planned to harvest the Coleman Lot but we have found out that the County does not have a right of way to the property.
4. Working on responses to Shongo flooding.

5. Old Business

- A. County Contract – review and approve contract
 - i. Contract was reviewed and deemed acceptable **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
- B. Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program- update – board was informed that there have been some delays in the program and more information is forthcoming.
- C. Local Aid State Assistance Funding – update
 - i. We have been working on the contract information with DEC. Will be meeting with Cuba Lake and private landowners in the near future. The future of the Rushford Lake grant is up in the air depending on what happens with the boat launch situation.
- D. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Control Implementation Grant- update
 - i. We have been awarded 4 grants for A&L Farm, Bainbridge Farm (2 grants) and Kevin Redman.
- E. Round 21 – update – The ranked list has been released and looks like we have 1 grant application ranked high enough to be approved and another that is on the border and most likely will be approved. State Committee has not approved the list yet.

6. New Business

- A. Farmland Protection Plan- The District is eligible for up to a \$50,000 grant to be used as a 50/50 split for updating the Farmland Protection Plan. We will be working on applying for this.
- B. Conservation Skills Training- Approval was requested for interested employees to attend **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**

7. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be August 18, 2015 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

8. Correspondence

- 9. Adjournment: 6:15 pm – Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman