

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – August 27, 2019
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Karl Graves, Legislator
Judith Hopkins, Legislator

Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of July 16, 2019 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – See Attached
 - d. Executive Director –
5. **Program Updates:**
 1. Round 20
 - a. Locustbrae Farm is working on their watering system.
 2. Round 21
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure transfer system.
 - b. Extension requests have been approved.
 3. Round 24
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 4. Round 25
 - a. We submitted 7 applications – see attached spreadsheet for details
 5. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Jeff Heitman has completed his fencing project.
 - b. Jay Cockle has completed his roofed barnyard project.
 6. AEM
 - a. We received our Year 14 payment of \$82,500.
 - b. Our Year 15 contract has been approved and we submitted for the 25% advance payment.
 7. Southern Tier Program
 - a. We are working on closeouts.

8. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We have received our contract extension. The project deadline is June 30, 2021.
 - b. We completed the last of the survey work and are working on the final designs and permitting.
9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure storage.
 - b. Ponderosa Farm is working on the earthwork with the concrete contractor starting in a month or so.
10. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - a. Putting out to bid this week.
11. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - a. Wilson Engineering was at Jones Beef Farm doing the survey work today.
12. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. RAW Farms has completed their diversion ditch project.
 - b. Lost Valley Farm (John Gilbert) has completed their diversion ditches.
13. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - a. We have received the contracts to sign and send back.
14. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - a. Ponderosa Farm is working on their diversion ditches.
15. WQIP
 - a. We submitted 7 applications – see attached spreadsheet for details
- ii. Technical Assistance
 1. County Forest Bid – the County approved the sale of timber from the Travis Lot to Two Rivers Timber Company for \$330,000.
 2. The Belmont Dam Cleanup has been completed.
 3. Looked at several different areas of streambank erosion across the County.

6. Old Business

- a. FL-LOWPA Heitman Farm Additional Funding – An additional \$2,000.00 is needed to finish the project. Some projects in this program may not be complete by the end of the year, so Scott would like to roll some of the money from those projects to Heitman's.

7. New Business

- a. Truck Purchase – Requesting approval to put out the bid for purchase of new truck.
Approved (Graves – Cygan)
- b. Conservation Skills Workshop Approval – Requesting approval to send Kyle and Samantha (intern) to workshop. Genesee Coalition will be paying for Samantha.
Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)

8. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, September 17 at 5:30pm.**

- 9. Correspondence**
 - a. **NYACD Newsletter**

- 10. Adjournment - 5:55 pm Approved (Cygan - Graves)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman