

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – August 25, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner, NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:44 pm
2. **Minutes of July 21, 2020 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Ben reported that they are finishing up EQIP contracts. The building is still closed to the public, but office workers are there full time.
 - b. FSA – No report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – See attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - Round 20
 - Canacadea Creek – Closeout has been approved by the State.
 - Oil Creek – Closeout has been approved by the State.
 - We are waiting on our final reimbursement payments.
 - Round 21
 - Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
 - Wellsville Water Supply – we are working on closeout documents.
 - Round 24
 - Kyle and Scott Alsworth are working with Cody Pomeroy to get his project started.
 - Round 25
 - Still waiting on 2 contracts.
 - Farms would like to start their projects but are postponing them until we have received payment from the State.
 - FL_LOWPA
 - 17-18 Grant
 1. Closeout has been submitted.
 - Jesse Keiser completed the roof over his concrete barnyard.
 - AEM

- We received our final payment for Year 15 and the advance payment for Year 16.
- We worked with 17 different farms in the last month.
- Southern Tier Program
 - No changes in the last month.
- FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek – we will be working on this planning later this summer.
 - Belfast River Stabilization
 1. The DEC permit is currently out for public comment. The public comment period ends September 3rd. At this point the DEC will make a determination on the permit.
- CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Barney Farms are working on getting bids for their bedded pack barn project.
 - Ponderosa Farm – closeout documents will be submitted by the first of September.
- WQIP Grants
 - All contract documents have been submitted.
 - We submitted for a time extension for the West Almond salt barn.
- EPA-GLRI Grant
 - No changes in the last month.
- Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - We will be starting to do the engineering work in September for the Van Campen Creek project.
- Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - Closeout documents for Ponderosa Farm diversion ditches have been submitted.
- DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - We are meeting with the contractor on Thursday to go over what needs to be done at the Belmont Dam.
 - The Cuba Lake District has submitted their final project expense. Grant money will be used to help cover the cost of their new weed harvester.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - Kyle and Leonard have worked on DEC stream permitting for 2 Towns and 7 landowners.
 - Kyle and Leonard provided technical guidance to 6 landowners and 1 municipality.
 - The no till drill has been used to plant approximately 340 acres so far this year.
 - Scott Alsworth is working on evaluating county forestland for a timber harvest in 2021.

5. Old Business

- a. **Audits** – Scott reached out to different districts regarding audits. He received a spreadsheet from Monroe County with names of different vendors along with the services they quoted and prices. We will continue to research the best option for our district.

6. New Business

- a. **Office Cleaner** – The woman currently cleaning the office has let us know she can no longer continue due to health issues. We are going to be looking into hiring a new person/cleaning service to clean the office
- b. **Staff with school aged kids** – Due to the circumstances with the schools, and kids only going part time, we are going to be flexible with hours to those employees with school aged kids.
- c. **Linda Voith FL-LOWPA Grant for \$5,000.00** – looking for approval for grant funding to help with stream erosion. **Approved (Cygan – Graves)**

7. Announcements

- a. **Next Board Meeting, September 15, 2020 at 5:30pm – Meeting has been changed to September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**

8. Correspondence

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

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman