

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 20, 2016
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator
Jim Wilcox, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:33 pm
2. **Minutes of November 15, 2016 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - a. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Graves - Covert)**
 - b. Abstracts: **Approved (Graves - Covert)**
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 18
 - a. Chris Reinbold has finished his project. We have begun closing out the grant.
 2. Round 20
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 3. Round 21
 - a. RAW Farm completed their bedded pack barn project.
 4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Year 13-14 closeout will be submitted this week.
 - b. Year 17-18 initial grant request was due today
 5. AEM
 - a. Year 12
 - i. Working on planning for farms
 - ii. We are beginning to review farm projects for Round 23.
 6. Southern Tier Program
 - a. Farms are working on getting bids for their projects.
 - b. Several farms are currently constructing their projects:
 - i. Aaron Brooks – bunk silo project complete
 - ii. Kevin Redman – project complete waiting on bills
 - iii. Vance Hark – freestall barn complete
 - iv. Les York – partially constructed

- v. Gary Gilbert – freestall barn complete
- vi. Phil May – hay storage barn complete
- vii. Will Hall – bunk silo project almost complete
- viii. Doug Behen – bunk silo project complete
- ix. Rod Bennett – partially constructed
- x. Curt Stoltz – grain bin and dryer project is complete

7. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant

- a. Closeout for Bainbridge Farm Round 2 grant was submitted.

ii. Technical Assistance:

- 1. Cuba Lake dredging permit has been approved by the DEC. We have a couple of things to submit to the Army Corp for their final approval.
- 2. We have received an informal awarding of the Belfast River Project #2. The final official award should be out by May 2017. The total project is estimated at \$625,222 with FEMA paying \$468,916.60. I am working on getting the cost share portion secured. There will be around \$90,000 in the grant to cover engineering which we can do in house.

5. Old Business

- a. 2016 Part B Project Change – Requesting approval to use Part B Project funds for County Forest Management – **Approved (Graves – Covert)**
- b. 2014-15 FL-LOWPA Change – Requesting approval for Acomb fence project – **Approved (Graves – Covert)**
- c. Truck Sale - Trucks have been sold for a total of \$37,250.00

6. New Business

7. Announcements

- a. Next meeting will be January 17, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

8. Correspondence

- a. Email – U.S. EPA announced 16-17 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding which supports NYS Great Lakes Action Agenda

9. Adjournment - 5:45pm Approved (Graves - Wilcox)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman