

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 20, 2017
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, Executive Director
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers - FSA

1. **Call to Order: 5:35pm**
2. **Minutes of November 21, 2017 - Approved (Wilcox – Covert)**
3. **Financial Reports - Approved (Covert - Wilcox)**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – See attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. Working on the closeout for the Angelica water Supply Protection Project
 2. Round 21
 - a. No changes in the last month
 3. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Submitted the 2017-18 grant proposal.
 - b. Bruce Vosburg working on his manure handling system.
 4. AEM
 - a. Year 13
 - i. Interim report was submitted December 6. We have completed 1,053 hours out of the 2,023 hours needed by 5/6/2018. We submitted a voucher for \$23,007.50
 5. Southern Tier Program
 - a. Bruce Vosburg's heifer barn is in the final stages of completion.
 - b. Dan Nickerson has received a 6 month extension to complete his project.
 - c. Bob Wilson is waiting for a contractor so he can start his project.
 6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. Lynn Bliven's project closeout has been submitted to the state.

- b. Joe Cygan project closeout has been submitted to the state.
 - c. We are working on closeouts for Will Hall and Mike Vosburg.
- 7. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. Survey work has been completed.
- 8. Part C
 - a. Andy Peet Is still working on his storage.
 - b. Samantha Wilcox is starting her project shortly.
- 9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Grants were supposed to be approved December 18, 2017, but we have not heard anything yet.
- 10. Consolidated Funding Grant
 - a. We were awarded a grant to construct a salt storage shed for the Town of West Almond. The state portion of the grant is \$109,758 with the Town contributing \$36,918.
- 11. Climate Resiliency Grant
 - a. We are looking into potential projects for this grant. The focus is helping to minimize effects from environmental changes.

5. Old Business

- a. **Pat Carlin** – County Attorney reached an agreement with New York State, we paid \$1600.00 in past expenses. We are waiting to hear how much interest we will be responsible for.

6. New Business

- a. **Board Appointments** – Karl, Judy and Jim are up for reappointment, Karl and Jim are willing to be reappointed. Judy was not in attendance so we need to find out if she is willing to be reappointed.

7. Announcements

- a. At the January Resource Management Meeting there will be a speaker from Steuben County who will be discussing their new program developing Community Resilience to natural disasters. This is something that Allegany County may want to develop. The meeting will be the third Wednesday in January at 1:00pm.
- b. Next meeting will be December 20, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

8. Correspondence –

- a. **Email** – Governor Cuomo Announces \$2 Million Available to Reduce Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture.
- b. **NYACD Newsletter**
- c. **2018 NYACD Legislative Days**

9. Adjournment - 6:07 pm Approved (Graves - Wilcox)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman