

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –December 15, 2015
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Jim Wilcox, Grange
Phil May, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir
Scott Alsworth, AEM Planner

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

Guests

Darlene Krisher-Meehan

1. **Call to Order:** 5:02 pm
2. **Minutes of November 16, 2015: Approved (Graves-May)**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Graves-May)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Graves-May)**
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - A. NRCS – Report attached
 - 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. Working on closeout, should be ready for review by the end of the week.
 3. Round 20
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 4. Round 21
 - a. Plan of Works have been submitted and approved. Waiting on contracts to be issued
 5. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Randy Miller finished his fencing project
 - b. Ryan will be attending the legislative day in Albany with FL-LOWPA
 6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. A&L Farm has finished their milkhouse waste project. Working on closing out 3 of the 4 grants.
 7. AEM
 - a. Year 11
 - i. Interim report has been submitted
 8. DEC Grant
 - a. Permit application was submitted to DEC for Cuba Lake dredging
 - b. No changes in the last month
 9. Part B Project

- a. McMahan Farm has completed their project and are getting their bills together so we can pay.
- ii. Technical Assistance:
 - 1. I have been working with NYSDHSES in updating our FEMA application for the next River project in Belfast. They are going to move it into a less competitive FEMA disaster to have a better chance of getting it funded.
 - 2. Working with Cuba snowmobile club to correct stream erosion issues along a trail.
- iii. General Items
 - 1. The Ag District #1 review will go to the Resource Management Committee meeting tomorrow.

5. Old Business

- A. Cooperative Extension space needs – CCE Ag Staff has moved into the one vacant office we had for a three month time period.
- B. Southern Tier Program – the program was publically released today. An announcement and fact sheet are enclosed.
- C. Genesee River MOU – Vic reviewed the MOU with the Board. The MOU was approved and signed by Mr. Bennett. **Approved (May-Graves)**

6. New Business

- A. Resolution 2015-07 – Dedicated Funds Savings Account – request approval to create a separate savings account for the Dedicated Funds, they are currently kept in our Regular Savings Account. **Approved (May-Graves)** – The Board requested that Mr. Torrey contact the County Attorney to make sure the resolution is worded properly.
- B. Legislative replacement for Ted Hopkins – Brenda Rigby-Riehle requested recommendations for the replacement of Ted. The Board felt they should wait until Ted’s replacement on the Legislative Board was appointed.
- C. Farm Bureau replacement for Phil May – Darlene Krisher-Meehan, President of the Allegany County Farm Bureau, spoke on the replacement of Phil. Farm Bureau wanted to keep the face of Farm Bureau on the District Board fresh. Marv Covert said he was interested and was nominated for the position. Marv will take over Phil’s position on January 1, 2016. Scott Alsworth commented to the Board that he is on the Farm Bureau Board and he abstained from the vote.

- 7. Executive Session** – Rod Bennett requested that the Board enter an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Graves and seconded by May. The Board exited executive session at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by May and seconded by Graves.

8. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be December 15, 2015 at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

9. Correspondence

- 10. Adjournment:** 7:28 pm – **Approved (Graves - May)**