

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 17, 2019
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 pm
2. **Minutes of November 19, 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 –**
 - i. Scott notified the Board that Jim, one of directors, passed away on December 6. It was decided we will send a memorial contribution in his name to the Allegany County Fair. Scott will contact the Grange after the first of the year, to discuss a replacement for Jim on the board. We are very sorry for the family’s loss.
 - ii. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. Canacadea Creek – we are working on the closeout documents.
 - b. Oil Creek - we are working on the closeout documents.
 2. Round 21
 - a. Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
 3. Round 24
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 4. Round 25
 - a. Plan of work documents are due January 1, 2020.
 5. FL_LOWPA
 - a. We are working on the 16-17 grant closeout which is due at the end of the year.
 - b. We are working on lining projects up for next year.
 6. AEM
 - a. Round 16 has been approved - \$220,000 for planning and \$100,000 for implementation of projects over the next 2 years.

- b. Year 15 is progressing with planning on multiple farms.
 - 7. Southern Tier Program
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 - 8. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We are working on the permitting and design documents.
 - 9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Aaron Brooks has completed his manure storage.
 - b. Ponderosa Farm – the storage is 85% complete.
 - 10. Granger and West Almond Salt Storage Facilities
 - a. Will complete the bid process this winter with construction taking place in the spring.
 - 11. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - a. Jones Beef Farm has decided to cancel their contract.
 - 12. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. Working on lining projects up for next year.
 - 13. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - a. Contract documents have been sent back.
 - 14. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 - 15. DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - a. The Cuba Lake District completed dredging on the Abbott Creek inlet of the Lake.
- iii. Technical Assistance
 - 1. Looked at several different areas of streambank erosion across the County.
 - 2. Travis Lot timber harvest – logging is currently taking place.
 - 3. We submitted a FEMA application for a Hazard Mitigation grant for Philips Creek in the Village of Belmont. We applied for \$150,000 coming from FEMA with a match of \$50,000 in State funding. This project will stabilize the area upstream of the of the Greenwich Street bridge. This will protect the bridge; Fairview Street and the Village of Belmont’s septic system lift station that is located on the streambank.

5. Old Business

- a. **Farmland Protection Plan** – Scott contacted the necessary parties to let them know about last month’s decision regarding funding for the FPP, he has not received word back from anyone as of today, but will follow up tomorrow and get a plan together.
- b. **Grant Award Updates** – We will receive funding for AEM Round 16 in the amount of \$320,000.00. We are also receiving funding for 4 projects for the AGNPS Round 25. Wellsville Water Supply protection in the amount of \$524,172.00, Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2 in the amount of \$280,688.00, Black Creek Manure Storages in the amount \$110,025.00 and Cryder Creek Grazing System in the amount of \$134,450.00. We still have quite a few grants we haven’t heard from yet regarding funding.

6. New Business

- a. **Board Appointments** –

- i. Karl Graves – 1 Year - Approved (Bennett – Hopkins)**
- ii. Judy Hopkins – 1 Year – Approved (Graves – Bennett)**
- iii. Rodney Bennett – 3 Years – Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**
- b. **New Large Printer Purchase** – The old drafting printer that we use a lot for designs is no longer working. Scott thinks, because of it’s age, that it will probably cost more to fix the old printer than it would be to purchase a new printer. Requesting approval to purchase a new printer, which can be updated as needed, in the amount of \$2,186.35.
Approved (Cygan – Wilcox)
- c. **Permission for employees to attend the 2020 Water Quality Symposium – Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

7. Announcements

- a. **Next Board Meeting, January 21, 2020 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

- a. **NYACD Newsletter**

9. Adjournment - 6:05pm Approved (Hopkins - Graves)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman