

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –February 22, 2016
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Judy Hopkins, Legislator
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order: 5:00 pm**
2. **Minutes of January 19, 2015: Approved (Graves-Hopkins)**
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 – 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. Closeout has been submitted to Albany.
 3. Round 20
 - a. No changes in the last month
 4. Round 21
 - a. Contracts have been signed and sent back to Albany. I also submitted vouchers for advance payments.
 5. Round 22
 - a. Round 22 has been released. Applications are due April 1, 2016.
 6. Genesee Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. Submitted closeout documents to Albany for 2 of the projects.
 7. FL_LOWPA
 - a. No changes in the last month
 - b. Ryan is representing Allegany County and FL-LOWPA in Albany this week meeting with State lawmakers.
 8. AEM
 - a. Year 11
 - i. Will be working with farms to develop their plans for the Southern Tier Program
 - ii. Receiving a lot of phone calls and meeting with farms.
 - iii. Working on getting Round 22 grant projects lined up
 9. Southern Tier Program
 - a. Applications due March 7, 2016. We have received 1 application so far.

- b. We have been in contact with approximately 60 farms that may be eligible. Farm Bureau also sent out a notice.
 - c. We have received our 10% administrative money - \$150,000
 - ii. Technical Assistance:
 - 1. Working on engineering for 2016
 - 2. Working on as built designs from 2015 projects
 - 3. Working on soil group worksheets.
 - 4. Ryan submitted a grant to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for funds to work on the river project in Belfast that we are also trying to get FEMA funds for.
 - iii. General
 - 1. Annual reports for both the State and County have been completed
 - 2. Submitted Ag District #1 documents to the state for an initial review.
 - 3. We have a person interested in the Account Clerk Typist position waiting for the application to be returned. This is a non-civil service position.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- A. Resolution 2016-01 – Round 21 Savings Account **Approved (Graves-Covert)**
- B. Resolution 2016-02 – Southern Tier Program Savings Account **Approved (Hopkins-Covert)**
- C. Resolution 2016-03 – FL-LOWPA Savings Account **Approved (Graves-Hopkins)**
- D. Resolution 2016-04 – FL-LOWPA Contract **Approved (Hopkins-Covert)**

7. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be March 15, 2016 at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment 5:30 pm – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman