

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –February 17, 2015
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Philip May, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator
James Wilcox, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:00 pm
2. **Minutes of January 20, 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 – No Report
 - 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. No changes in the last month
 3. Round 20
 - a. Signed contract have all been returned to the State
 4. Round 21
 - a. Grant application is due March 31, 2015
 - b. Have discussed projects with Doug Barney, Will Hall, Eric Hamilton, Aaron Brooks and Sam Clark.
 5. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Paid for a silage storage pad at Doug Barney’s to wrap up the 2012-2013 FL-LOWPA grant. This closeout is due March 31,2015
 6. AEM
 - a. Year 10
 - b. Assisting NRCS with EQIP applications.
 - c. Working on getting Round 21 grant projects lined up
 - ii. Technical Assistance:
 1. Working on engineering for 2015
 2. Working on soil group worksheets
 - iii. General
 1. Annual reports for both the State and County have been completed
 2. Holding interviews for District Technician this week. Only 3 qualified

candidates. Hope to have someone hired by the end of the week.

3. Held a Hazard Mitigation meeting in January and will be holding another one on March 6th. We will be assisting with this update.

5. Old Business

- A. District Technician Position – Conducting interviews this week, hope to have a person hired by next week.

6. New Business

- A. Annual Reports – Reports have all been completed and submitted to the State and County.
- B. Annual Plan of Work – Plan was reviewed and approved with some minor corrections. **Approved (Graves-May)**
- C. Computer Purchase – New computer needed for District Technician position. Approved for Scott Torrey to purchase computer. **Approved (May-Graves)**

7. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be March 17, 2015, at the District Facility at 5:00pm.
- B. Jim and Karl should arrive early to perform 2014 Audit

8. Correspondence

9. **Adjournment:** 5:24 pm

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman