

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –January 19, 2016
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Jim Wilcox, Grange
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:00 pm
 - A. Marvin Covert was welcomed as the new Farm Bureau representative.

2. **Election of Officers**

Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman – Rodney Bennett (**Graves - Wilcox**)
Close Nominations (**Graves-Wilcox**)
Vice Chairman – Karl Graves (**Bennett-Covert**)
Close Nominations (**Bennett-Covert**)

3. **Minutes of December 15, 2015: Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**

4. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer’s Report: **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**

5. **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 is just about complete. I will be meeting with Vic on Thursday to look at the completed projects.
 3. Round 20
 - a. Joe McMahon completed another portion of his fencing project.
 4. Round 21
 - a. No changes in the last month
 5. Genesee Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. Working on closing out 2 of the grants.
 6. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Fiscal Year 2016-17 request is due February 3, 2016. Total amount to request this year is \$85,000
 7. AEM
 - a. Year 11

- b. Will be working with farms to develop their plans for the Southern Tier Program
 - c. Receiving a lot of phone calls and meeting with farms.
 - d. Working on getting Round 22 grant projects lined up
 - ii. Technical Assistance:
 - 1. Working on engineering for 2016
 - 2. Working on as built designs from 2015 projects
 - 3. Ryan is responding to the DEC concerns about the dredging at Cuba Lake.
 - iii. General
 - 1. Annual reports for both the State and County are due February 15
 - 2. Will be asking for an extension at the Resource Management Committee meeting tomorrow for the timber harvest on the C. Horner Lot. Due to the wet weather and the Town of Angelica restricting the logger's access to the Lot, they will not be able to complete before the contract expires.
 - 3. The Ag District #1 has been approved by the County Legislature

6. Old Business

- A. Southern Tier Program – We are doing outreach to the farms in the county. Applications are due March 7, 2016.

7. New Business

- A. Designation of Depositories – Steuben Trust – **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
- B. Appointment of Audit Committee – Wilcox and Graves **Approved (Bennett-Covert)**
- C. Designation of Official Newspaper – Wellsville Daily Reporter and Cuba Patriot **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
- D. Board Meeting Schedule for 2015 – schedule attached **Approved (Graves-Wilcox)**
- E. Approval to hire a part time Account Clerk Typist – Position was included in the 2016 budget. **Approved (Graves-Covert)**
- F. Water Quality Symposium Attendance Approval – permission for interested employees to attend **Approved (Graves-Covert)**

8. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be February 16, 2016 at the District Facility at 5:00pm.

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment 5:43 pm – Approved (Graves - Wilcox)

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman