

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – January 15, 2019  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair  
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau  
Karl Graves, Legislator  
James Wilcox, Grange  
Judy Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir  
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Stephanie Castle – Genesee River Watershed  
Coalition

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 pm
2. **Election of Officers**  
Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections  
Chairman – Rodney Bennett (**Graves - Hopkins**)  
Close Nominations (**Graves - Hopkins**)  
Vice Chairman - Karl Graves (**Hopkins - Wilcox**)  
Close Nominations (**Hopkins - Wilcox**)
3. **Minutes of December 18, 2018 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
4. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
5. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - a. NRCS – No Report
  - b. FSA – No Report
  - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
  - d. Executive Director –
    - i. Program Updates:
      1. Round 20
        - a. Extension requests have been submitted to Ag and Markets. They will approve them at their January meeting.
      2. Round 21
        - a. Work has stopped for the winter
      3. Round 24
        - a. Plan of work documents were sent to Vic today for review.
      4. FL\_LOWPA
        - a. The 15-16 grant year closeout has been submitted.
        - b. Once the 15-16 closeout is approved we will receive our 17-18 grant year funding of \$85,000.

- c. The 19-20 grant year initial request has been submitted. This will be for \$89,200.
  - 5. AEM
    - a. We are working on Tier 5B evaluations of previously completed ag-non point source projects.
    - b. We are working on comprehensive nutrient management plans (CNMP) for L&J Angus Farm and Spring Bottom Farm. Both of these farms were recipients of Round 24 funding for bedded pack barns. This funding requires that both farms complete a CNMP.
    - c. We are reviewing potential projects for Round 25 grant funding. This expected to be announced in March.
  - 6. Southern Tier Program
    - a. We are working on closeouts.
  - 7. Belfast River Stabilization
    - a. We have a little bit of surveying to complete then we will move onto the design and permitting.
  - 8. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
    - a. We have sent Round 2 contracts back to Albany.
  - 9. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
    - a. We will be working on bids in January.
  - 10. NRCS RCPP Funding
    - a. We are working on designs for Jones Beef Farm so they can start their diversion ditches this spring.
    - b. No changes in the last month.
  - 11. EPA-GLRI Grant
    - a. No changes in the last month.
- ii. Technical Assistance
  - 1. We are following up on various landowner issues with stream erosion problems.
- iii. General Items
  - Annual reports are due to the State February 15, 2019.

## 6. Old Business

## 7. New Business

- a. **Designation of Depositories** – Steuben Trust – **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- b. **Appointment of Audit Committee** – Wilcox and Graves – **Approved (Hopkins-Wilcox)**
- c. **Designation of Official Newspaper** – Wellsville Spectator and Cuba Patriot – **Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
- d. **Board Meeting Schedule for 2019** – see attached – **Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
- e. **Water Quality Symposium Attendance Approval** – Requesting permission for employees to go to Water Quality Symposium in Syracuse, NY. **Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
- f. **Genesee River Watershed Coalition Intern** – Stephanie Castle from the coalition attended the meeting to request placing an intern for the coalition in the office. There is a database being created to input all farm projects from 2010-present and it would be

the intern's job to gather all information and input into the new database. Intern would be a coalition employee, and they would supply the funding for employment, but we would be required to provide paycheck through our payroll. The district will be reimbursed for any workers compensation or retirement paid to the intern and will be paid an administrative fee for during the payroll. Any help the district provides the intern in collection of data can be bill through the AEM program. The coalition will do the hiring of the intern, provide a laptop, training and oversight of intern. It is unknown how long the internship will last. **Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

- g. **Genesee River Watershed Coalition Resolution 2019-01** - Resolution designating the Allegany County Soil & Water Conservation district as the Chairman of the Genesee River Watershed Coalition of Conservation Districts. **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- h. **FL-LOWPA 2018-19 Contract Approval** – Requesting approval to sign contract – **Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**
- i. **FL-LOWPA 2018-19 Resolution 2019-02** – **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**

**8. Announcements**

- i. **Next Board Meeting, February 19, at 5:30pm.**

**9. Correspondence**

**10. Adjournment - 6:17pm Approved (Graves-Cygan)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman