

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2014
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Philip May, Farm Bureau
Theodore Hopkins, Legislator
Curtis Rung, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA
Victor DiGiacomo, Division of Land and
Water Resources

1. **Call to Order:** 5:15pm
2. **Election of Officers**
Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman – Rodney Bennett (**Hopkins - May**)
Close Nominations (**Rung-May**)
Vice Chairman – Curtis Rung (**Hopkins-May**)
Close Nominations (**May-Bennett**)
3. **Minutes of December 17, 2013:** Approved (**Rung-May**)
4. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer’s Report: **Approved (May-Hopkins)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (May-Hopkins)**
5. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - A. NRCS – Report Attached
 - B. FSA: Report attached
 - C. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources
 1. Highlighted items from the January Division of Land & Water Resources
Update: Report attached
 - D. Executive Director: Scott Torrey
 1. Program Updates:
 - a. Round 18
 - i. No changes in last month
 - b. Round 19
 - i. Contract has been approved, we have submitted for our advance
payment.
 - ii. Hall and Brubaker plan on completing their projects this
summer.

- c. Round 20
 - i. Grant application is due March 31, 2014
- d. FL_LOWPA
 - i. Working on next year's projects. Should have some projects to present at the March Board meeting for approval.
- e. AEM
 - i. Year 9
 - 1. We have received our \$18,750 advance payment and our \$16,692 interim payment
 - 2. Working on getting Round 20 grant projects lined up
 - 3. Appears the State may be increasing the yearly AEM rate from \$75,000 to \$85,000 for Year 10
- f. Technical Assistance:
 - i. Working on engineering for 2014 projects – Brubaker feeding pad and bedded pack barn and Cockle's milk house waste system
 - ii. Finishing Bainbridge mining permit
 - iii. Assisted the Village of Angelica with plans for a drainage easement to correct some water issues in the Village
- g. Ag District 2
 - i. The Ag Farmland and Protection Board approved the Ag District #2 report
 - ii. The public hearing for Ag District #2 is January 27 at 2 pm
- h. General
 - i. Annual reports for both the State and County are due February 15
 - ii. Looks like we will be reporting to the new County Resources Management Committee
 - iii. Funding update since the last meeting:

Fund Source	Received	Owed
AEM Year 9	\$35,442	

Total \$35,442

6. Old Business

- A. Truck Purchase – Scott T. gave update on new truck purchase, we will be ordering a F150 4x4 regular cab and a F250 4x4 crew cab approximate prices for the two trucks is \$45,700

7. New Business

- A. Board Appointments: Scott T. was notified by Brenda Riehle that Rod Bennett and Ted Hopkins would be up for reappointment and Karl Graves would be up for appointment as the new legislative representative.
- B. Designation of Depositories: Steuben Trust. **Approved (Hopkins-May)**
- C. Appointment of Audit Committee: Rodney Bennett and Karl Graves
- D. Official Newspapers: Wellsville Daily Report and Cuba Patriot. **Approved (Hopkins-Rung)**
- E. Board Meeting Schedule for 2013: 3rd Tuesday at 5:00pm November thru March; 3rd

Tuesday at 6:00pm April thru October. **Approved (Rung-May)**

8. **Executive Session** – Discussion of employment history of a particular employee
 - A. Motion to go into executive session at 5:45 – **Approved (Hopkins-Rung)**
 - B. Motion to come out of executive session at 6:10 - **Approved (Hopkins-Rung)**
9. **Announcements**
 - A. Next meeting will be February 18, 2014, at the District Facility at 5:00pm.
10. **Correspondence**
 - A. January Division of Land & Water Resources Update
11. **Adjournment:** 6:10pm

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman