

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 27, 2016
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of June 21, 2016 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. Round 18
 1. Extension has been granted until December 31, 2016
 2. Dave Saunders will be getting his well drilled as soon as the driller can arrive
 3. Chris Reinbold is getting bids on his project and has plans in place to complete it by the end of the year.
 - ii. Round 20
 1. Will Ploetz and Bill James are both working on their fencing projects.
 - iii. Round 21
 1. Barney Farm has started their bedded pack barn.
 2. RAW Farm has begun their bedded pack barn.
 3. Hamilton Farm has begun their fencing project
 4. Saunders Farm is waiting on the contractor to start their bedded pack barn.
 - iv. Round 22
 1. We did not receive any grants in this round
 - v. FL_LOWPA
 1. Kim Shaklee is almost complete with his project
 - vi. AEM
 1. Year 11
 - a. Closeout was finished and submitted a voucher for \$44,082
 2. Year 12
 - a. Working on planning for farms
 - vii. Southern Tier Program
 1. Award letters were sent out last week – We are working on getting contracts signed and working with farms on the process of getting the projects started.

viii. Technical Assistance:

1. Working with various landowners on problems areas.
2. Working on a grant application for the Village of Canaseraga for stream bank stabilization near their sewage treatment plant. Applying under the Consolidated Funds Application.
3. Continue to mark property boundary lines in the County Forest.

5. Old Business

- A. Truck Purchase – Need approval for purchasing two new trucks, which were over approved budget of \$50,000 by \$3,343.97. One was for lowest bid, the other was 2nd lowest bid, but a 2017 instead of a 2016. Difference in cost was \$500.00 **Approved (Covert-Hopkins)**
 - i. Bids were accepted and trucks were purchased.
- B. Engineer Position – Leonard Preston accepted the proposal made at June meeting regarding pay raise.
- C. District Technician Position – Ryan Paulsen needs to take civil service exam in September.
- D. Round 22 – We did not receive any grants for Round 22.

6. New Business

7. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be August 16, 2016 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

8. Correspondence

- A. Email – Governor Cuomo Announces \$1.3 Million for Ag Water Quality Conservation Projects

9. Adjournment 5:54 pm – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman