

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –July 21, 2015
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 6:03 pm
2. **Minutes of June 16, 2015: Approved (Graves-May)**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Graves-May)**
 - i. Mr. May inquired about the high utilities cost. Mr. Torrey will look into it and report back.
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Graves-May)**
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. 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. Bainbridge – has begun construction of the barn, barn was damaged in the recent storm. High winds blew all of the trusses off and destroyed them. New trusses were set today.
 - b. Will Ploetz, Bill James, Joe McMahan and Rory MacCrea are all at some stage of preparing to do their pasture systems.
 4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Met with Bruce Vosburg about his manure handling system. He will be doing his project this summer.
 5. AEM
 - a. Year 11
 - i. Working on pasture plans, nutrient management plans and Tier 1 and 2's for many different farms.
 - ii. Technical Assistance:
 1. Ryan spent last week assisting towns with documenting last Tuesday's storm. He worked with the Towns of Hume, Granger, Grove and Allen.
 2. I worked with the Town of West Almond with storm follow-up.

3. Ag District #1 is now up for review. We are working on preparing notifications to property owners in the District. The District is made up of Allen, Birdsall, Caneadea, Centerville, Granger, Grove, Hume, New Hudson and Rushford

5. Old Business

- A. Black Top Issues – We reached an agreement with Mr. Allison for approximately \$1,000 off of the original bill.
- B. County Contract – The proposed funding for 2016, 2017 and 2018 was approved by the Board of Legislators at their July 16, 2015 meeting.
- C. Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program- to be discussed in Executive Session- Approval to enter Executive Session – Graves-Wilcox, Approval to come out of Executive Session – May-Graves
 - i. Approval of Scott Torrey to sign Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program contract – **Approved (May-Graves)**

6. New Business

- A. Local Aid State Assistance Funding – discussion was held about the DEC funding coming from Cathy Young’s office to Soil and Water. The funding will be for the following work in Allegany County – Cuba Lake Dredging - \$100,000, Rushford Lake boat wash station - \$25,000 and Steams/Creeks dredging & debris removal - \$30,000. More information will be available soon.

7. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be August 18, 2015 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

8. Correspondence

- 9. Adjournment: 6:45 pm – Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman