

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 16, 2019  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of June 18, 2019 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - a. NRCS – No Report
  - b. FSA – See Attached
  - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – See Attached
  - d. Executive Director –
    - i. Program Updates:
      1. Round 20
        - a. Locustbrae Farm is working on their watering system.
      2. Round 21
        - a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure transfer system.
        - b. Extension requests have been approved.
      3. Round 24
        - a. We have received our advanced payment.
      4. Round 25
        - a. Applications are due July 22, 2019. Resolutions to apply for the grant money are on the agenda for tonight.
      5. FL\_LOWPA
        - a. Projects are slowly progressing.
      6. AEM
        - a. Year 14 closeout has been completed and approved. We submitted a voucher for \$82,500.
      7. Southern Tier Program
        - a. We are working on closeouts.
      8. Belfast River Stabilization
        - a. We are still waiting on the contract extension for the project.
      9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant

- a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure storage.
  - b. We have received the bids for Ponderosa Farm manure storage. Earthwork is slated to start July 29<sup>th</sup>.
10. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
- a. Waiting on bid documents from the County Attorney.
11. NRCS RCPP Funding
- a. Wilson Engineering will start in August doing the design work.
12. EPA-GLRI Grant
- a. RAW Farms has completed their diversion ditch project.
13. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
- a. We have been awarded an \$119,638.00 grant to perform permanent streambank stabilization work on Van Campen Creek adjacent to the Accord Building. \$89,729 will come from federal funding and the remaining \$29,909 will come from State funding. We are looking to do this work in 2020.
  - b. The Genesee River Coalition of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was awarded \$200,000 in grant funding for Allegany, Genesee and Monroe Counties. Allegany County will receive \$65,000 for streambank stabilization projects. A match of \$22,000 will be required.
14. We have been awarded 3 grants for the Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant. Total grant funding received was \$30,000 with the 3 farms contributing an additional \$21,000. The grants will involve the stabilization of 420' of eroding streambank along cropland and the construction of 2,000' of diversion ditches to reduce soil erosion.

ii. Technical Assistance

- 1. County Forest Bid – bids for the Travis Lot sale were rejected due to the high bidder not submitting the proper documents. A new bid opening will occur July 17, 2019.
- 2. Looked at several different areas of streambank erosion across the County.
- 3. Working on stream permits for Cuba Lake and a property owner in the Town of Alma.
- 4. We will be submitting salt storage barn grants for the Towns of Belfast and Independence through the Consolidated Funding Grant RFP.
- 5. We will be submitting for multiple streambank stabilization planning grants through the Consolidated Funding Grant RFP.

**5. Old Business**

- a. **Farmland Protection Plan** – The planning department was submitting a \$20,000.00 budget request as the county's cost share for developing the Farmland Protection Plan.

**6. New Business**

- a. Resolution 2019-10 – Round 25 – Cryder Creek Grazing System – **Approved (Graves)**

– **Cygan**)

b. Resolution 2019-11 – Round 25 – Wellsville Water Supply Protection- **Approved (Cygan – Graves)**

c. Resolution 2019-12 – Round 25 – Black Creek Manure Storages – **Approved (Cygan – Graves)**

d. Resolution 2019-13 – Round 25 – Angelica Water Supply Protection – **Approved (Hopkins – Cygan)**

e. Resolution 2019-14 – Round 25 – Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2 – **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**

f. Resolution 2019-15 – Round 25 – Van Campen Creek BMP's – **Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

g. Resolution 2019-16 – Round 25 – Scio Water Supply Protection – **Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**

**7. Announcements**

i. **Next Board Meeting, *changed to August 27, 2019 at 5:30pm.* Approved (Cygan – Graves)**

**8. Correspondence**

a. **Division 1 Meeting – Byrncliff Golf Resort & Banquets, July 24<sup>th</sup>.**

i. **Karl, Rod, Joe and Scott will be attending**

**9. Adjournment - 5:55 pm Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman