

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 21, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator
Judy Hopkins, Legislator
Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner, NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:32 pm
2. **Minutes of June 16, 2020 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – see attached
 - b. FSA – No report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – No report
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - Round 20
 - Canacadea Creek – Final closeout documents have been submitted to Vic.
 - Oil Creek – Final closeout documents will be submitted to Vic on Wednesday.
 - Round 21
 - Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
 - Wellsville Water Supply – we are working on closeout documents.
 - Round 24
 - Kyle and Scott Alsworth are working with Cody Pomeroy to get his project started.
 - Round 25
 - We have received our contract for the Black Creek Manure Storage grant. We will be submitting vouchers this week.
 - Still waiting on 2 contracts.
 - FL_LOWPA
 - 17-18 Grant
 1. Closeout will be submitted next week.
 - 18-19 Grant
 1. Leon Sherman completed his fencing project.
 - AEM

- We are meeting with farms and working on planning for future projects.
- We will be submitting a voucher for the advance payment for the implementation portion of the AEM funding.
- Southern Tier Program
 - No changes in the last month.
- FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek – we will be working on this planning later this summer.
 - Belfast River Stabilization
 1. Waiting on permit approvals.
- CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - We met with Barney Farms last week and we are working on plans for their manure storages.
 - Ponderosa Farm – we are working on the closeout documents.
- WQIP Grants
 - Contract documents have been submitted for the Town of Independence salt barn and the Town of Belfast Gleason Hill culvert replacement.
 - The three planning grants we have to get exemption from the Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprises requirements. We plan on completing these grants in house and cannot meet the requirements. We received an exemption for the Van Campen Creek Streambank Stabilization NPS project and are waiting on the other two.
 - The Towns of West Almond and Granger have decided to postpone the construction of their salt storage barns until 2021.
- EPA-GLRI Grant
 - Sam Clark completed his diversion ditch project this past weekend.
- Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - Quarterly reports were submitted for both grants.
 - We will be starting to do the engineering work in August for the Van Campen Creek project.
- Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - Working on closeout documents for the Ponderosa Farm diversion ditch project.
- DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - The Belmont Dam should be cleaned off again in the next month.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - We completed designs and permit paperwork for a streambank/roadway stabilization project for the Town of Granger. This project is located on Walbridge Road.
 - Kyle and Leonard have worked on DEC stream permitting for landowners in the following towns – Allen, Andover, Belfast, Cuba, Granger, Rushford and 2 landowners in Wellsville.

- The no till drill has been used to plant 20 acres of oats this spring. Another 200 acres is planned for July and August to plant sorghum sudangrass and clover/grass seedings.

Grant Approval Information

FL-LOWPA 2019-20 Contract Approvals

- Val Dale Farm – Town of Wirt– This project is to repair a vegetative treatment strip so that it meets CAFO regulations. FL-LOWPA cost share to be \$10,000 with the farm covering the remaining amount.
- Leon Sherman Farm – Town of West Almond - This project is to install fencing for a rotational grazing system for the farm’s beef cows. FL-LOWPA cost share to be \$7,500 with the farm covering the remaining amount.

5. Old Business

- a. Rod suggested Scott look into getting an audit done, just to make sure Soil and Water is doing everything we should in regards to finances. We will check with other counties SWCD to see if/how they get annual audits done every year.

6. New Business

- a. **County Appropriation** – Scott recently sent in the request to the county for the amount of money listed in the contract. He also sent a letter communicating that we understand, because of the circumstances going on, the amount may be different than that listed in the contract.

7. Announcements

- a. **Next Board Meeting, August 25, at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:05 pm Approved (Graves - Cygan)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman