

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 18, 2017
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Victor DiGiacomo

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Minutes of June 20, 2017 - Approved (Graves – Covert)**
3. **Financial Reports - Approved (Graves - Covert)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – Report attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
 - i. Noted that at the State Committee Meeting, it was approved to use Part C Funds to purchase motor vehicles and/or trucks that would be used in conjunction with delivering materials/equipment to programs utilizing Part C Funding. Must fill out a form and send to the state requesting approval which is on a case by case basis.
 - ii. Also noted a number of Staff Changes on the State Committee
 - iii. Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Training – Presented a slide show training on FOIL
 - d. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. Locustbrae Farm is continuing to work on their grazing project
 2. Round 21
 - a. Aaron Brooks has completed his fence project
 3. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Jones Beef Farm plans to start their project in mid-July
 - b. One contract for approval tonight
 4. AEM
 - a. Year 13
 - i. We are working with 7 farms to plan practices for the NRCS grant program RCPP.
 1. Practices include cover crops, reduced tillage and diversion ditches.

- 6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. No changes in the last month
- 7. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We have submitted our first quarterly report and voucher for reimbursement
 - b. We are waiting for fall to begin survey work due to the amount of vegetation on site
 - c. Still working on the match
- ii. Technical Assistance:
 - 1. We have provided technical and permit assistance for stream stabilization projects for the following:
 - a. Houghton Sewer Plant
 - b. Town of Friendship
 - c. Mallards Dairy
 - d. Town of Willing
 - 2. We worked with the Town of Rushford with a culvert design after the June 15th storm.
 - 3. We are assisting the Town of West Almond with a Water Quality Improvement Project grant application. This application is for a salt storage shed to prevent salt from running off to a nearby stream.

5. Old Business

- a. **Round 23 Update** – We did not receive any money for Round 23.

6. New Business

- a. **Part B Changes** – Requesting approval for C&T Farms Fence Project using Part B funds. Funds were originally approved for Joe Meehan, requesting moving Meehan project to FL-LOWPA. **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- b. **Joe Meehan 2015-16 FL-LOWPA contract** – **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- c. **Bruce Vosburg 2016-17 FL-LOWPA contract** – **Approved (Graves, Covert)**
- d. **NAACC Grant Award** – Requesting permission to purchase 2 tablets for the grant program. Tablets will be used in the field to record information for culvert assessments. **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- e. **Genesee River Coalition Interseeder** – Requesting permission to front the sum of \$5000.00 to purchase parts that could make the interseeder into a no till drill. Coalition will reimburse ACSWCD after they receive rental fees from farms who rent it. **Approved (Hopkins – Covert)**

7. Announcements

- a. Next meeting will be August 15, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:23 pm Approved (Graves - Covert)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman