

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 17, 2018  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair  
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau  
James Wilcox, Grange  
Karl Graves, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir  
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of June 19, 2018 Approved (Graves - Covert)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
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 –
    - a. Program Updates:
      1. Round 20
        - a. No changes in the last month.
      2. Round 21
        - a. No changes in the last month.
      3. Round 24
        - a. We are working on applications in 7 different watersheds.
      4. FL\_LOWPA
        - a. Joe Meehan has completed his diversion ditch.
      5. AEM
        - a. Year 13
          - i. Closeout has been submitted. We submitted a voucher for \$40,742.50 for the balance of the reimbursement money that is owed us.
        - b. Year 14
          - i. We are working with farms on planning for Round 24 and the CAFO Waste Storage Grant. We submitted a voucher for an advanced payment of \$27,500.
    6. Southern Tier Program

- a. All projects have been complete we will begin working on closeouts shortly.
- 7. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
  - a. Mascho Homestead Farms is finishing their project this week.
  - b. Roger Fanton has plans to finish his project before the July 31, 2018 deadline
  - c. Harv Lacy may not get his project complete due to a change in the operation.
- 8. Belfast River Stabilization
  - a. Still waiting on our contract from FEMA. We submitted paperwork for an extension for the project. It was to be completed by July 8, 2018.
- 9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
  - a. Round 2 is now open and grants will need to be submitted by August 6. We will be submitting applications for 4 farms.
- 10. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
  - a. We have received some preliminary prices but don't have a contract with the State yet.
- 11. NRCS RCPP Funding
  - a. Jones Beef Farm is looking to start part of their project in August.
- 12. EPA-GLRI Grant
  - a. We are working on getting projects lined up for this grant.
- b. Technical Assistance
  - 1. Leonard and Ryan are working with landowners to possibly complete a temporary repair to the Friendship erosion site. This will be to prevent further erosion until a permanent fix can be funded. We will use some stream money from Cathy Young's office to fund this short term repair.
  - 2. We have met with the Village of Belmont about the log removal from the Belmont dam. They have given us permission to access the site from their property. We still need to reach out to a private landowner to receive their permission.
  - 3. Consolidated Funding Agreement grant program is now accepting applications. They are due July 27, 2018. We will be submitting grant applications for a salt storage building for the Town of Granger and an application for the erosion problems in Friendship.
  - 4. Our Letter of Intent that we submitted to FEMA for Implementing Hazard Mitigation Projects has been accepted. Applications are due August 15, 2018.
    - a. Van Campen Creek Streambank Stabilization – stabilizing the bank area threatening houses, Route 275 and the Accord building - \$110,000
    - b. Philips Creek Streambank Stabilization - stabilizing the bank area threatening the Village of Belmont's sewer system - \$200,000

**5. Old Business**

**6. New Business**

- a. 3 Year County Contract Request – The following amounts are what Soil & Water are requesting for each year of a new contract with the county:
  1. **2019 - \$140,000 – level funding**
  2. **2020 - \$142,800 – 2% increase**
  3. **2021 - \$145,656 – 2% increase - Approved (Graves - Covert)**
- b. Shongo Flooding – Discussion regarding flooding that happened in Shongo on July 4<sup>th</sup>. McCurdy creek destroyed a streambank that flooded 5 houses, so a landowner called Scott to come take a look and see what should happen to the stream. Bill Meehan, from Meehan’s Excavating in Whitesville came to help out and Otis Eastern brought a bulldozer to fix the issue. Soil and Water has approved paying Bill Meehan for his time spent on the stream, out of FL-LOWPA funding. Scott wants to know, how something like this should be handled in the future, especially due to not having the equipment to handle a project like that. How do we get the equipment? And who is responsible for paying for it? It was suggested that Scott should call Jeff Luckey to discuss the situation and look for insight what should happen in the future, should this happen again. Karl suggested calling the county attorney to discuss also, because of the issue regarding it being private property. Rod mentioned that maybe it should be a cooperative effort between the towns affected and county, the towns could possibly supply equipment if they had it and the county could possibly supply funding or supplies such as rip rap to the projects?
- c. Grant Writing Firm – Requesting approval for a grant firm to write two grants for Soil and Water due to the fact that there are so many to write at this current time. The grant firm call Rotella Grant Management has told Scott that they will be able to write the two grants within the required time frame needed for a fee of \$1800.00 per grant. – **Approved (Graves – Covert)**
- d. Resolution 2018-07 CAFO Waste Storage Round 2 – **Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
- e. Resolution 2018-08 AGNPS Round 24 Scio Water Supply Protection – **Approved (Graves – Covert)**
- f. Resolution 2018-09 AGNPS Round 24 Wiscoy Creek BMP’s – **Approved (Covert – Wilcox)**
- g. Resolution 2018-10 AGNPS Round 24 Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2 – **Approved (Covert – Graves)**
- h. Resolution 2018-11 AGNPS Round 24 Cryder Creek BMP’s – **Approved (Graves – Covert)**
- i. Resolution 2018-12 AGNPS Round 24 Chenunda Creek BMP’s – **Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
  1. **Addendum – Due to change in farms applying, the Chenunda Creek Resolution needs to be changed to Wellsville Water Supply Protection. Approved (Graves – Bennett)**
- j. Resolution 2018-13 AGNPS Round 24 Angelica Water Supply Protection – **Approved (Covert – Wilcox)**
- k. Resolution 2018-14 AGNPS Round 24 Angelica Creek BMP’s – **Approved (Wilcox – Graves)**
- l. **We are applying for funds for Scott Alsworth’s beef operation. Since he is an employee we need to lay out guidelines by which we are applying for funding for him. These are the proposed guidelines:**
  1. **He was not involved in the selection of his project for applying for funding;**

2. He was not responsible for finalizing the planning for his project; and
  3. If we are awarded grant funding for his project, he will not be involved with managing the grant or the associated funding for the grant.
- Approved (Graves – Bennett)

7. **Announcements**

- a. **Next Board Meeting: August 21, 2018 at 5:30pm.**

8. **Correspondence**

- a. NYACD Newsletter
- b. Woman Farmland Owners Gathering

9. **Adjournment - 6:21 pm Approved (Graves - Covert)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman