

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – June 19, 2018
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA
Liz Wesche, NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of May 15, 2018 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Liz brought up the 2 cooperative contracts that Soil & Water and NRCS are working on together and stated how she would love to see more contracts in the future.
 1. Liz went over the Civil Rights Overview for Soil & Water Conservation Districts.
 - 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 has been opened for applications. Applications are due August 20, 2018.
 4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Joe Meehan has completed his diversion ditch.
 5. AEM
 - a. Year 13
 - i. We are working on the closeout.
 - b. Year 14
 - i. We are working with farms on planning for Round 24 and the CAFO Waste Storage Grant.
 6. Southern Tier Program
 - a. Dan Nickerson has completed his shop project.
 7. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant

- a. No changes in the last month. The grant ends on July 31, 2018.
- 8. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We are working on designs.
- 9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Round 2 is now open and grants will need to be submitted by August 6. We currently have 3-4 farms interested in applying for additional manure storage.
- 10. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - a. Waiting on contract before getting bids.
- 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. We have been working with the Towns of Hume, West Almond and Granger, Village of Andover, as well as several landowners for stream stabilization projects. We are assisting with permitting and technical guidance.
 - 2. Consolidated Funding Agreement grant program is now accepting applications. We are working with the Town of Granger to apply for a salt storage building. We will also be submitting an application for the stream erosion problem in Friendship.
 - 3. We submitted Letter of Intent for to FEMA for Implementing Hazard Mitigation Projects for the following projects:
 - 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
 - 4. The marking of trees on the Travis Lot have been completed. We are working on the bid package and waiting on a property survey before we proceed with taking it to the legislators for approval.
- c. County Contract
 - 1. I will have a proposal for the July Board meeting for our 3 year contract with the County. Once it is approved I will take it to the county administrator and the legislature.
- e. Discussion regarding impoundments and the Genesee River and reestablishing the river’s track to pre-hurricane Agnes in 1972. Do the impoundments and this plan to reroute the river coincide? Or is it a separate issue? Judy stated after Hurricane Agnes the river was declared “wild and free”, and asked if it still holds that title, and wondered if it could even be touched. Scott said that stabilization could be done if needed, if a structure was threatened, but not much else could be done. Scott believes there are places along the river that it would be advantageous to fix, but he doesn’t ever see it happening. He mentioned maybe a meeting to discuss between the county attorney’s office, DPW, and Soil & Water. Karl has heard that there is, what can be compared to, a 300 acre farm that floats down the Genesee River once a year. Judy has heard that there are 23,000 tons of Allegany County Soil that have gone

over the Dam into Lake Ontario. Judy mentioned that the discussion has been referred to Resource Management.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **Belmont Dam Cleanout – Karl brought up this issue at the last Resource Management meeting. As long as we don't disturb the banks too much, we are allowed to use a bulldozer or a log skid and cable out the fallen trees and debris. Karl asked if Soil and Water can arrange that? Scott said we have to get someone else involved because of the equipment needed and mentioned that Cathy Young's office gave us money for Cuba Lake Dredging project and Rushford Lake Boatwash project, and we have approximately \$25,000.00 of that money left. Scott proposes seeing what the project would cost and use some of that funding to hire a contractor to do that. Rod asked if we would need any special permitting? No, DEC said if we don't do much disturbing of the bank and we cable them out, then we don't need a permit. Board suggests moving forward with discussion regarding project. Maybe use consolidated funding to clean that area out annually?**

7. Announcements

- a. **Next Board Meeting: July 17, 2018 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

- a. NYACD Newsletter
- b. Email regarding Division 1 Meeting on July 16th. Scott is planning on going, the email didn't have a time, so after I find out the time of day, Rod, Karl and Marv will see if they can attend. Judy will not be able to attend.

9. Adjournment - 6:30 pm Approved (Graves - Covert)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman