

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –June 16, 2015
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Philip May, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator
Ted Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec. Dir

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 6:05 pm
2. **Minutes of May 19, 2015: Approved (Graves-Hopkins)**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Graves-Hopkins)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Graves-Hopkins)**
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
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 18
 - a. Saunders beginning work on their water system for the pasture.
 2. Round 19
 - a. No changes in the last month
 3. Round 20
 - a. Bainbridge – has begun site work, did survey and site layout work
 4. Soil Health grant due June 15, 2015
 - a. Decided that the chances of getting a project were small, so didn't apply.
 5. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Jeff Heitman – beef operation looking for help with expanding his grazing system and rebuilding diversion ditches.
 6. AEM
 - a. Year 11
 - i. Working on pasture plans, nutrient management plans and Tier 1 and 2's for many different farms.
 - ii. Technical Assistance:
 1. Cuba placed 10th in the State Envirothon Competition
 2. Working on project designs
 3. Assisting with FEMA project implementation
5. **Old Business**
 - A. Black Top Issues – We received an email from Mr. Allison (email included). The Board of Directors Meeting
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board felt we should try to reach an agreement with Mr. Allison and to use the County Attorney if necessary.

- B. Hazard Mitigation Planning – Board was given an update of the discussions with the County and the Hazard Mitigation Planning Group. The District will be requesting \$30,000 to maintain the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- C. County Contract – A letter was included that will be presented to the Resource Management Committee on June 17, 2015 for their consideration of a renewal of our three year contract.
- D. Genesee River Watch – Request for assistance in the Town of Caneadea. The board felt that we should assist them with a study of this section of the River, provided they paid us for our time. The board would like for us to have a signed agreement with the group before we proceed.

6. New Business

- A. Heitman Farm FL-LOWPA Contract – contract for installation of fencing and rebuilding diversion ditches. Requested grant amount was \$10,000. **Approved (Hopkins-May)**
- B. Genesee River Watershed Coalition – The Board was given an overview of the creation of the Coalition and its purpose.
- C. Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program was discussed.

7. Announcements

- A. Next meeting will be July 21, 2015 at the District Facility at 6:00pm.

8. Correspondence

- A. Legislator’s Clambake: July 24, 2015 – Board suggested the District purchase tickets for employees and any Board members who wanted to attend. Allow the purchase of up to 6 tickets. **Approved (May-Bennett)**

9. Adjournment: 6:35 pm – Approved (Hopkins-Graves)

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman