

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – June 18, 2019
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Karl Graves, Legislator
James Wilcox, Grange
Judith Hopkins, Legislator
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of May 21, 2019 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – See Attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – No Report
 - d. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. Locustbrae Farm is working on their watering system.
 2. Round 21
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure transfer system.
 - b. Extension requests have been submitted to the State for their approval.
 3. Round 24
 - a. The contract has been approved.
 4. Round 25
 - a. Applications are due July 22, 2019. Will have resolutions approving applications at our July Board Meeting.
 5. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Jones Beef Farm is starting their barnyard project in a few weeks.
 - b. 3 contracts for approval tonight
 6. AEM
 - a. Signed contract will be returned to the State this week.
 - b. We are working on planning projects for the Round 25 grant applications.
 7. Southern Tier Program

- a. We are working on closeouts.
- 8. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We are still waiting on the contract extension for the project.
- 9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure storage.
 - b. Leonard is currently working on the design for Ponderosa Farm's manure storage. Should be ready to go out to bid in the next week.
- 10. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - a. No changes in the last month.
- 11. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - a. Wilson Engineering will start in July doing the design work.
- 12. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. 3 contracts for approval tonight.
- 13. FY2017 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
 - a. We received approval for a grant that we wrote in 2017 for a streambank stabilization project with the Town of Granger. Grants funds that will be received will be \$22,100 with the Town contributing an additional \$20,000.
- ii. Technical Assistance
 - 1. County Forest Bid – bids for the Travis Lot sale will be opened June 19, 2019.
 - 2. Looked at several different areas of streambank erosion across the County.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **2020 County Budget Request** – Just an update, this is the 2nd year of 3 year contract and we are requesting \$142,800.00. The request is due at the end of the month.
- b. **GLRI – Wayne Jones (Jones Beef Farm) – Soil Conservation** – This is for the completing 1,200 feet of diversion ditches to reduce erosion. The grant is paying the farm \$10/foot. Total maximum amount paid with the grant will be \$12,000.00. – **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- c. **GLRI – Will Hall (RAW Farms, LLC) Soil Conservation** – This is for completing 150 acres of reduced tillage on corn fields to reduce erosion. The grant is paying the farm \$25/acre. Total maximum amount paid with the grant will be \$3,750.00. – **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- d. **16-17 FL-LOWPA – Heitman Farm – Prescribed Rotational Grazing** – This is for completing additional fencing on the farm. Total maximum amount paid with the grant will be \$6,860.00 – **Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
- e. **16-17 FL-LOWPA – Windfall Farm – Barnyard Water Management** – This is for completing a barnyard improvement project to keep clean water out of the barnyard area. Project will consist of drainage system being installed with a gravel laneway for the cows. Total maximum amount paid with the grant will be \$5,000.00. – **Approved (Wilcox – Cygan)**
- f. **17-18 FL-LOWPA – Lost Valley Farm – Barnyard Water Management** – This is for completing a barnyard improvement project to keep clean water out of the barnyard

area. Project will consist of a concrete pad with a roof. Total maximum amount paid with the grant will be \$12,500.00. – **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**

- g. **GLRI – Lost Valley Farm – Diversion Ditch** – This is for completing 1,200 feet of diversion ditches to reduce erosion. The grant is paying the farm \$10/foot. Total maximum amount paid with the grant will be \$12,000.00. – **Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, July 16, 2019 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

- a. **Division 1 Meeting – Byrncliff Golf Resort & Banquets, July 24th.** – Rod will be attending and possibly Karl and Joe.
- b. **NYACD Newsletter**

9. Adjournment - 6:11 pm Approved (Graves - Hopkins)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman