

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – June 20, 2017
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers – FSA
Ivy Reynolds - FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of May 16, 2017 - Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
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
 - d. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. We are starting the closeout for the Black Creek Watershed Protection grant
 - b. Locustbrae Farm has completed part of their project
 2. Round 21
 - a. Sam Clark 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 12
 - i. Year 12 closeout is due July 7. We are to be paid \$38,772.50 for our time.
 - b. Year 13
 - i. We signed the contract for Year 13 and submitted a voucher for \$21,250.
 5. Southern Tier Program
 - a. Bruce Vosburg will be starting his project once the weather dries out.
 - b. Dan Nickerson is getting bids for his project

6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant

- a. Lynn Bliven is waiting on the contractor to come start her project.
- b. Rush Creek Ranch is waiting for the fence contractor to come install their fencing

ii. Technical Assistance:

1. The Rushford Lake boat wash station is complete
2. We are working on stream permits in 3 different trout streams – one for Town of Granger, one for the Town of Wellsville and one for a private landowner in the Town of Alma. The one in Wellsville is for erosion that is threatening the stability of the Dyke Creek flood protection dikes.
3. We are working on a Farmland Protection Grant to update the County's Farmland Protection Plan. There is up to \$50,000 available with a 50% match.

5. **Old Business**

- a. **FEMA – Belfast River Stabilization Project Discussion –**
 - i. Discussed overview of funding and requesting approval to sign and mail in contracts for project. **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**

6. **New Business**

- a. Resolution 2017-08 – Account for Belfast River Stabilization Project - **Approved (Graves - Covert)**
- b. Gravel Pit Permitting Discussion –
 - i. Kevin LaForge has requested that SWCD update his gravel permit. Discussed that it may be a conflict of interest due to the fact that he is a legislator. We would charge \$50.00/hour, the same rate that SWCD charged for another gravel permit in the past.
 1. Karl suggested that Scott talk to the County Attorney regarding the idea and made a motion that updating of the permit be approved pending approval from the County Attorney. **Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
- c. Randy Miller 2015-16 FL-LOWPA contract – **Approved (Hopkins - Graves)**

7. **Announcements**

- a. Next meeting will be July 18, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

8. **Correspondence**

- a. Spring 2017 Regional District Managers Meetings – Karl and Scott will be attending the meeting in Batavia on June 27th. Meeting can count towards performance measures.

9. **Adjournment - 6:05 pm Approved (Hopkins - Graves)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman