

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 17, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator
Judy Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order: 5:35 pm**
- 2.
3. **Minutes of February 18, 2020 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
4. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
 1. Audit Committee Report - postponed
5. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - a. Round 20
 - i. Canacadea Creek — closeout documents will be finished by the end of the month
 - ii. Oil Creek — closeout documents will be finished by the end of the month
 - b. Round 21
 - i. Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
 - c. Round 24
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. Round 25
 - i. Signing contracts.
 - e. Round 26
 - i. Applications due date has been extended, we unsure of the due date now.
 - f. FL LOWPA
 - i. Jones Beef Farm will begin their project shortly. Gail Hoffman has completed her project.
 - g. AEM
 - i. Year 15 closeout will be submitted on 2/19/2020.
 - ii. Round 16 contract has been signed and returned to the State.
 - h. Southern Tier Program

- i. No changes in the last month.
 - i. Belfast River Stabilization
 - i. We are working on the permitting and design documents.
 - j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Lismore Dairy, Bainbridge Farm, Barney Farm and RAW Farm are all planning in working on their waste storages in 2020.
 - ii. We have received some of our advanced payments.
 - iii. Granger and West Almond Salt Storage Facilities
 - iv. Will complete the bid process this winter with construction taking place in the spring.
 - k. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - i. Working on lining projects up for next year.
 - l. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - ii. Another round of grant funding applications are due April 6, 2020.
 - m. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - i. The Cuba Lake District completed dredging on the Abbott Creek inlet of the Lake.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Continue to work with landowners on several different stream issues.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. **COVID-19 Response -**
 - 1. Staff will be limited to 2 people in the office each day. We will determine a schedule each week.
 - 2. We are currently setting computers up to work from home as much as possible.
 - 3. Staff will have access to office to use printers as needed.
 - 4. We will still be checking on projects and moving forward with projects that are planned to be completed in 2020.
 - 5. Messages will be changed on phones to direct calls to cell phones.
 - 6. Office will be closed to walk in customers.
- b. **2019 Performance Measures Award Letter** – We recently received our award of approximately \$113,000.00 for the 2019 Performance Measures.
- c. **Resolution 2020-09 – Savings Account for AEM Round 16** – Requesting approval to sign resolution creating a Savings Account for the AEM Round 16 grant funding. **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**

8. Announcements

i. **Next Board Meeting, April 21, at 5:30pm.** – Rod will not be able to attend.

9. Correspondence

a. **NYACD Newsletter**

10. Adjournment - 5:45pm Approved (Graves - Hopkins)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey

Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett

Chairman