

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 15, 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

1. **Call to Order:** 5:32 pm
2. **Minutes of April 17, 2018 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 – No Report
 - 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 still has not been announced.
 4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. FL-LOWPA education funds were used to sponsor the County’s Envirothon competition. The Trailside Envirothon was held with Wyoming County SWCD and had 11 teams from Allegany County. Cuba Rushford won the competition and will move onto the State competition.
 5. AEM
 - a. Year 13
 - i. In the last month we have been doing environmental planning on 7 different farms for future projects. Planning items include-grazing systems, manure handling systems, diversion ditches and barnyards.
 - ii. We have completed Year 13 of AEM and earned the maximum amount of funding in the program.
 - b. Year 14
 - i. We submitted for \$110,000 of the Year 14 program.

6. Southern Tier Program
 - a. Dan Nickerson is part way through his shop project.
 7. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 8. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We are working on designs.
 9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. All contracts have been signed and sent back to the state. We will be requesting our advance payments from the state.
 - b. 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. We worked with NRCS to secure funding for the rebuilding of diversion ditches at Jones Beef Farm in the Town of Rushford. Funding was also secured for farmstead water runoff improvements at Bob Foster's farm in the Town of Friendship. Grant funds secured totaled \$114,553. We will receive 20% or \$22,910 on top of this for our role in implementing the grant.
 12. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. We have been the recipient of a \$100,000 grant through the EPA-GLRI Grant funding. This was a joint effort between the District and the Genesee River Watershed Coalition of Conservation Districts. Funding will be used to reduce soil erosion in the Genesee River Watershed. Practices to be installed include diversion ditches, reduced tillage operations and cover crops.
- b. Technical Assistance
1. Ryan and Leonard have been working with the Towns of Almond, Belfast and Granger with stream work. They have provided technical assistance and permitting help.
 2. Consolidated Funding Agreement grant program is now accepting applications. We are working with Towns who may be interested in pursuing grant funding for salt storage buildings. We are also looking at a couple stream projects to apply for funding for.
 3. FEMA is accepting Letters of Intent for Implementing Hazard Mitigation Projects. We are looking at projects that maybe eligible for this. Letters of Intent are due June 1, 2018.
 4. Scott Alsworth has been working on marking trees in the Travis Lot for a possible sale later this year. This Lot is located on East Rd in the Towns of Angelica and Allen.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **2018 AEM Statewide Award Nominations – Scott proposed we nominate Kim Shaklee again this year. He was nominated last year but didn’t win the award. Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- b. **FL-LOWPA 16-17 Birds All Dairy Fencing Project – Plan is to install 3000’ of fencing. Approved (Covert – Graves)**
- c. **Canoe Purchase – Scott was considering buying a canoe to help aid in the surveying of the Belfast River Project. The embankment is too steep and Soil and Water is having a hard time completing the surveying, having a canoe could help them with that.**
 - a. **Rod offered to let Soil and Water use his personal canoe for this Project. Scott agreed that would be a great option.**
- d. **2018-04 Resolution to Create Savings Account for CAFO Hillcrest – Approved (Covert – Graves)**
- e. **2018-05 Resolution to Create Savings Account for CAFO Val Dale – Approved (Hopkins – Wilcox)**
- f. **2018-06 Resolution to Create Savings Account for CAFO Lismore – Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**

7. Announcements

- a. **Next Board Meeting: June 19, 2018 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

- a. NYACD Newsletter
- b. Genesee River Coalition Report

9. A Discussion was opened by Rod regarding a comment made by Marv at the last disaster meeting in Belmont. The comment was regarding Marv saying that Scott Torrey’s job was in jeopardy. Marv had a chance to explain his reasoning and feelings, and Scott was able to respond to those comments. At the end of the discussion, Judy wanted it made known that Scott’s job is not in jeopardy and Karl agreed.

10. Adjournment - 6:32 pm Approved (Hopkins - Graves)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman