

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 20, 2014
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Executive Director

Cooperating Agencies

Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and
Water Resources

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00pm
2. **Minutes of April 15, 2014: Approved (Graves-Rung)**
3. **Financial Reports**
 - A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Rung-Hopkins)**
 - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Rung-Hopkins)**
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - A. NRCS: Report Attached
 - B. FSA: Report attached
 - C. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources
 - i. Part B
 1. Set to be approved the first week of June
 2. Funding should be available in July
 - ii. AEM Award Nominations
 1. Applications are being accepted until June 11, 2014
 2. Award will be presented at Empire Farm Days, there is a \$1,000 award for both the winning farm and District.
 - iii. DEC sponsored Tree for Tribs
 1. Looking to hire a coordinator in the Genesee River Basin – work to establish vegetation on streams
 - iv. DEC will be collecting data in the Genesee River Basin for practices that have been implemented.
 - v. Round 20
 1. State Committee is meeting May 27 to vote on the ranked list. The list will be released in July.
 - D. Executive Director
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 18
 - a. No changes

- b. Interim report submitted May 1
 - 2. Round 19
 - a. Will Hall – Pad for manure storage has been leveled and is ready for the structure to be built.
 - b. Duane Brubaker – working on designs
 - c. Interim report submitted May 1
 - 3. Round 20
 - a. State committee meeting May 27 to approve ranked list.
 - 4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Need approval for projects at Brett Owens, Scott Acomb and Bruce Vosburg Farms
 - 5. AEM
 - a. Year 9
 - i. Year ended May 6, we earned the full amount of \$75,000
 - b. Year 10
 - i. Year began May 7
 - ii. We applied for the full amount of \$85,000.
 - ii. Technical Assistance:
 - 1. Received the \$5,000 FEMA money for assisting the Town of Willing with a hydrologic study on Burnt Hill Rd
 - 2. Responded to several landowner calls for : water issues, pond site evaluations and stream evaluations
 - iii. Ag District 2
 - 1. Received final approval letter from Commissioner of Agriculture
 - iv. County Forest
 - 1. Scott Alsworth met with Ron Abraham from the DEC. The DEC will work with whoever buys timber on the Weir Lot and allow them access across the State Lands.
 - 2. Will present the sale of the Weir Lot to the Resource Management Committee on Wednesday. With their approval we will rebid this lot.
 - v. Envirothon – Cuba-Rushford took first place and will go onto the State Competition

5. Old Business

- A. Audit Committee Report
 - i. Audit committee (Mr. Graves and Mr. Bennett) found the 2013 financial documents to be in good shape.
 - ii. Part B request – Request will be kept the same as 2013 for Joe McMahon Farm. This will include fencing and associated practices to keep beef animals out of the stream.
Approved (May-Rung)

6. New Business

- A. FL-LOWPA Contract Approvals
 - i. Bruce Vosburg – Manure Storage – description attached - **Approved (Graves-May)**
 - ii. Brett Owens – Manure Storage, Silage Leachate System - description attached - **Approved (Graves-May)**
 - iii. Scott Acomb – Fencing - description attached - **Approved (Graves-May)**
- B. Conference Room Carpet
 - 26 Ounce Commercial Carpet
 - Mullen’s Factory Direct, Almond - \$2.28/square foot = \$1,108

Allen Hill's Carpet, Wellsville - \$1.85/square foot = \$899

Carpets Unlimited, Belmont - \$1.49/square foot = \$724.14

Prices include carpet and installation. Final bill maybe higher depending on glue and other incidentals needed.

Approved Carpets Unlimited for flooring (May-Graves)

- C. Hazard Mitigation- Discussion was held about the possibility of the District assisting the County with the Hazard Mitigation Plan by hiring someone to administer it. The Board felt that if the County were to provide the District with some financial assistance that we could assist the County.
- D. Truck Sale
 - i. Discussion was held on selling the 2012 Dodge trucks. It was decided to have Teitsworth Auctions appraise them and put them out to bid to the highest bidder.

7. Announcements

- A. Next Board Meeting: June 17, 2014, 6:00 pm

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment: 7:00 pm

Scott H Torrey
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman