

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 21, 2019
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Karl Graves, Legislator
James Wilcox, Grange
Judith Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of April 16, 2019 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – Report Attached
 - 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. We will need to apply for an extension for both Round 21 grants.
 3. Round 24
 - a. Waiting on contract approval.
 4. Round 25
 - a. Applications are due July 22, 2019.
 5. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Lynn Bliven will start her project at the end of June.
 6. AEM
 - a. AEM Year 14 ended May 6, 2019. We met our 2,500 hours of AEM work needed for the full \$110,000.
 - b. We are working on the Year 14 closeout.
 - c. We were approved for the AEM Year 15 full amount of \$73,000. This is a prorated amount of the normal amount of \$110,000.
 7. Southern Tier Program
 - a. We are working on closeouts.

8. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We have completed 95% of the required new survey work. We are working on the permit application and an updated design.
 - b. We would like to complete this project in the late summer.
 - c. 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. We have completed the survey work for Ponderosa Farm manure storage. Leonard is currently working on the design.
10. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - a. Getting the bid package completed in the next week.
11. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - a. Waiting on approval of our plans for Jones Beef Farm.
 - b. Working on plans for Bob and Diane Foster's project.
 - c. We made a request to hire an outside engineering firm to take over plans for RCPP projects. Due to some concerns with the program, it would be in the districts best interest to hire it out instead of having Leonard continue to do it. **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
12. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. One contract for approval tonight.
13. Water Quality Improvement Grant (WQIP)
 - a. Applications are due July 26, 2019
 - b. We are assisting the Town of Independence with applying for a salt storage.
 - c. There is funding available to do environmental planning such as streambank stabilization plans. We can apply for up to 10 of these grants and each one has a maximum amount of \$30,000. We are putting together a list of areas that need plans done.
- ii. Technical Assistance
 1. Cuba Rushford School was the 2019 county Envirothon held at Letchworth State Park. They will now go on to the State competition. Teams from Cuba Rushford, Scio and Fillmore competed. We do this in conjunction with Wyoming County SWCD.
 2. Kyle has been completing DEC stream permits. One for the Cuba Lake Recreation District and one for a landowner in the Town of Alma.
 3. County Forest Bid – We are waiting for the County Attorney's office to complete the bid documents so that the sale of timber can be put out for bid.
 4. Ag District #3 update has been completed. The District is adding 1,148.43 acres. The District will now consist of 16,668.74 acres with 160 landowners participating. The County is holding a public hearing on the on May 28, 2019. Packets are being sent out to the Farmland Protection Board for their review.

5. Old Business

- a. **Truck Sale** – The auction company we were going to sell to was willing to give us \$22,000.00 for the truck. At the last minute, a local man, was willing to give us the same, so we sold the truck for \$22,000.00 to a local guy.

6. New Business

- a. **Round 21 Extension for Rushford Lake Protection** – Requesting approval to continue with paperwork for extension for projects – **Approved (Wilcox – Graves)**
- b. **Round 21 Extension for Wellsville Water Supply Protection Phase 2** - Requesting approval to continue with paperwork for extension for projects – **Approved (Wilcox – Hopkins)**
- c. **GLRI – Will Hall (RAW Farms, LLC) Diversion Ditch** - Installation of 833’ of diversion ditch to reduce erosion on farmland. The grant is paying the farm \$12/foot. Total maximum amount paid with the grant will be \$10,000.00 – **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- d. **CAD Software Update** – The current software license is for the Carlson 2013 program. We need to update this to the current year. The total cost to bring this current is \$1,777.50. We also need to purchase a simple CAD license for Kyle to use. This cost is \$745.00. This will allow Kyle to begin doing simple designs for stream permits. – **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, June 18, 2019 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

- a. **NYACD Newsletter**

9. Adjournment - 5:47pm Approved (Graves - Hopkins)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman