

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 19, 2020  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair  
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau

Karl Graves, Legislator  
Judy Hopkins, Legislator

Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir  
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner, NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:34 pm
2. **Minutes of April 21, 2020 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - a. NRCS – NRCS is still practicing social distancing and doors are still closed to public, but they are still going out into the field for visits. NRCS is still taking applications for CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) until the end of the month. If anyone is interested, they are still assessing and ranking applications for EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) until the end of the month. Ben should know by this time next month who is going to be funded for that program. Ben mentioned they should be getting some guidance on a slow opening of the offices and trying to get a little more back to normal.
  - b. FSA – No Report
  - c. Victor DiGiacomo – 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 have been submitted, we have a few changes to make to finish the closeout.
      - b. Round 21
        - i. Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
        - ii. Wellsville Water Supply – Hamilton Beef Farm has finished their fencing. All projects have now been complete.
      - c. Round 24
        - i. Kyle and Scott Alsworth have been meeting with Cody Pomeroy to get the planning done for his project.
      - d. Round 25

- i. We have received back the signed contract for the Rushford Lake Projects and we have submitted for our advanced payment. Jones Beef Farm plans to start construction on their project once we have the money.
  - e. Round 26
    - i. Applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We are working on these applications.
  - f. FL\_LOWPA
    - i. 17-18 Grant
      - 1. Projects are complete we are working on the closeout. Once the closeout is complete we will receive the 19-20 grant payment.
      - 2. Jones Beef Farm has finished their barnyard project.
      - 3. Jesse Keiser has finished his feed pad project.
  - g. AEM
    - i. We are waiting on our final Year 15 payment of \$54,750.
    - ii. We are meeting with several farms to work on planning projects.
  - h. Southern Tier Program
    - i. No changes in the last month.
  - i. FEMA
    - i. Van Campen Creek – we will be working on this planning later this summer.
    - ii. Belfast River Stabilization
      - 1. We are working on the permitting and design documents.
  - j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
    - i. Val Dale Farm has requested an extension for their grant.
    - ii. Lismore Dairy – we have been working on the plans for their storage.
  - k. WQIP Grants
    - i. Working on contract documents for the 5 grants we were awarded in 2019.
  - l. EPA-GLRI Grant
    - i. Sam Clark is waiting on the contractor to complete his project
  - m. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
    - i. No changes in the last month.
  - n. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
    - i. No changes in the last month.
  - o. DEC Aid to Localities Grant
    - i. Cuba Lake has completed another phase of their dredging project.
- 2. Technical Assistance
  - a. Working with various landowners with stream erosion issues.
  - b. The no till drill was used to plant 20 acres of oats

## Grant Approval Information

### 1. FL-LOWPA 2019-20 Contract Approvals

- e. Val Dale Farm – Town of Wirt– This project is to repair a vegetative treatment strip so that it meets CAFO regulations. FL-LOWPA cost share to be \$10,000 with the farm covering the remaining amount.
- f. Leon Sherman Farm – Town of West Almond - This project is to install fencing for a rotational grazing system for the farm’s beef cows. FL-LOWPA cost share to be \$7,500 with the farm covering the remaining amount.

### 5. Old Business

### 6. New Business

- a. **Budget Discussion – The County is waiting to hear from the state regarding cuts to the budget. It was suggested Scott talk to the County Attorney, as she might have a better idea regarding cuts.**
- b. **19-20 FL-LOWPA – Val-Dale Farm – Bunk Silo Filter Strip - \$10,000 - This project is to repair a vegetative treatment strip so that it meets CAFO regulations. Approved (Hopkins - Graves)**
- c. **19-20 FL-LOWPA – Leon Sherman – Fencing Project - \$7,500.00 - This project is to install fencing for a rotational grazing system for the farm’s beef cows. - Approved (Ormsby – Graves)**
- d. **2020-16 Resolution – Keiser Farm Manure Storage – Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

### 7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, June 16, at 5:30pm – It has been decided that we will be doing the June meeting in person at the District Building. Everyone is required to wear a mask and it has been determined we have enough room to keep the social distancing required. Everyone was in agreement that they would like to attend the meeting in person.**

### 8. Correspondence

### 9. Adjournment - 5:52 pm Approved (Graves - Cygan)

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman