

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 16, 2017
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau
Jim Wilcox, Grange
Karl Graves, Legislator
Judy Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of April 18, 2017 - Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
3. **Financial Reports - Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
 - 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. We are starting the closeout for the Black Creek Watershed Protection grant
 - b. Locustbrae Farm is in the process of completing their fencing project
 2. Round 21
 - a. RAW Farm is partially done with their fencing project
 3. FL_LOWPA
 - a. We have 2 contracts for approval tonight.
 4. AEM
 - a. Year 12
 - i. Year 12 has ended and we are working on the closeout
 - b. Year 13
 - i. We submitted a request for the full \$85,000 grant
 5. Southern Tier Program
 - a. Doug Behen completed his grain storage system
 - b. Mark Bainbridge completed his freestall barn addition.
 6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. We have met with Lynn Bliven and are working on the designs for her project
 - ii. Technical Assistance:

1. The Ag District #4 report has been submitted to Ag and Markets for their review.
2. The Rushford Lake boat wash station is partially completed
3. We completed a stream bank restoration project on Van Campen Creek in Friendship. This project was completed with the assistance of the Alfred State Heavy Equipment students and used as a training site.
4. The Genesee River Coalition of Conservation Districts has purchased two no till drills for use in the Genesee River Watershed. We will be storing one at our office.
5. We are exploring grant possibilities with the State's Consolidated Funding Grant Program.
6. We have received approval from FEMA for a Genesee River Streambank stabilization project in Belfast. The total project cost is \$625,222 with \$468,917 coming from FEMA. We are currently working on securing the matching funds. We have been working for 5 years to get this project funded. We are waiting for a meeting with NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services to iron out all the details. We should be able to do a bunch of the design work in house.

5. Old Business

- a. **FEMA – Belfast River Stabilization Project Reward Letter** – FEMA will provide funding of \$468,917.00 which is 75% of the total project cost of \$625,222.00 for a project designed to dissipate the energy in the Genesee River and hold the remaining banks in place along Route 19 in the town of Belfast. Balance for project is \$156,305.00

6. New Business

- a. Jones Beef Farm – FL-LOWPA Project Approval – Barnyard Water Management System – **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- b. Appleview Farms – FL-LOWPA Project Approval – Barnyard Water Management System – **Approved (Hopkins – Graves ; Covert Abstaining)**

7. Announcements

- a. Next meeting will be June 20, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 5:46 pm Approved (Graves - Covert)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman