

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – November 18, 2014  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Executive Director

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:08 pm
2. **Minutes of October 21, 2014: Approved (Graves-Rung)**
3. **Financial Reports**
  - A. Treasurer's Report: **Approved (Graves-May)**
  - B. Abstracts: **Approved (Graves-May)**
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - A. NRCS: No Report
  - B. FSA: Report attached
  - C. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources: October Report attached
  - D. Executive Director
    - i. Program Updates:
      1. Round 18
        - a. Black Creek grant closeout submitted to Albany.
      2. Round 19
        - a. Duane Brubaker – working on bedded pack barn now.
      3. Round 21
        - a. Will be using the new Grant Gateway system to apply. This is delaying the grant being opened to applications.
      4. FL\_LOWPA
        - a. Brett Owens has some concrete yet to pour on his manure storage before it is completed.
        - b. Doesn't look like we will get Bruce Vosburg's manure system in this fall
        - c. Chris Reinbold is planning on doing his milkhouse waste system this fall with some of the unexpended FL-LOWPA money that needs to be spent by March 21, 2015.
        - d. Looking for one more project that we can quickly wrap up this fall.
        - e. Fiscal year 2014-14 Plan of Work has been submitted.
    5. AEM

- a. Interim Report is due December 5. We are halfway through the AEM year. We have only earned about a third of our hours needed to earn the full \$85,000.
  - b. Working on a CNMP for Sam Clark.
- ii. Technical Assistance:
1. FEMA work continues
    - a. We will earn over \$30,000 for our work in planning and implementing projects.
  2. Ayers Excavating and Forestry Services Inc. submitted the highest bid, \$24,180, for the C. Horner Lot. This will be presented to the Resource Management Committee. Three bids were received.
  3. Will be working on surveying and doing as-builts of projects that have been completed.
  4. RMS Technologies has contact us about doing survey work for them at Kevin LaForge's old gravel pit. They will pay us for our time.

**5. Old Business**

- A. No old business to discuss

**6. New Business**

- A. Insurance Quotes – We received three quotes:
  1. Selective - \$6,993.33 (our current one from Richardson and Stout) – down \$485.11 from 2014
  2. Trident - \$7,565 (Lawrence Dye Inc.)
  3. Cincinnati - \$8,066.85 (Richardson and Stout)
  4. The Selective quote was chosen to be our insurance for 2015 **Approved (May – Graves)**
- B. District Technician Position – Discussion was held about adding this position to help meet current grant workloads and to expand services into the future. This person would have a starting pay of \$14/hour. **Approved (May – Graves)**
- C. 2015 Budget – Discussion was held about the budget and questions were answered pertaining to the Dedicated Funds **Approved (May – Graves)**

**7. Announcements**

- A. Next Board Meeting: December 16, 2014 @ 5:00 pm

**8. Correspondence**

- 9. Adjournment: 6:00 pm Approved (Graves – Rung)**

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Scott H Torrey  
Secretary/Treasurer to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman