

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 20, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator
Judy Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner, NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 pm
2. **Minutes of September 22, 2020 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
 - c. 2019 Annual Audit
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – NRCS is following the same procedures, office is still closed to the public but they are conducting meetings outside and performing field visits still
 - b. FSA – No report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – See Attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - Round 20 – We received our closeout payments for both grants.
 - Round 21
 - Rushford Lake – closeout will be submitted next week
 - Wellsville Water Supply – closeout will be submitted this week
 - Round 24
 - Cody Pomeroy has started his barn project.
 - Round 25
 - Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. Projects to be started in Spring of 2021
 - Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Project to be started late 2021
 - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. We have received some of the money for these projects.
 2. Jones Beef Farm plans to start on their pack barn now that we have some money.
 - Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. Beech Hill Cattle Farm has planted their cover crops.

- 2. D&L Saunders have a complete design and would like to start this fall.
 - FL_LOWPA
- The 2020-21 Workplan is due to FL-LOWPA 11/9/2020
 - AEM
 - We worked on planning projects with 11 different farms.
 - We are working on our AEM 5 Year Strategic Plan. This is due December 31, 2020.
 - Southern Tier Program
 - No changes in the last month.
 - FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek – we are currently working on designs.
 - Belfast River Stabilization
 - 1. The DEC permit has been approved. We are still waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers for their permit approval. We are working on the bid packet.
 - We submitted 2 letters of intent for hazard mitigation projects for NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for grant funding.
 - 1. Philips Creek Stabilization – \$200,000 to stabilize the streambank area around the Village of Belmont’s sewer lift station.
 - 2. East River Road - \$400,000 to stabilize the Genesee River bank along East Road in the Town of Caneadea.
 - CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Barney Farms is working on getting bids for their bedded pack barn project.
 - Ponderosa Farm – we are working on the closeout
 - WQIP Grants
 - We have signed the all of the contracts. We are still waiting on final contract approval for the Town of Independence salt storage barn and Town of Belfast culvert replacement.
 - We have started on the planning grants for Van Campen Creek, Philips Creek and Black Creek
 - EPA-GLRI Grant
 - Val-Dale Farm, D&L Saunders Farm, Barney Farms and Behen Farm have planted 153 acres of cover crops.
 - Projects have now all been completed.
 - Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - We have started on design work.
 - Quarterly reports were submitted last week.
 - Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - The Ponderosa Farm diversion ditch project has been closed out and we have received final payment.

- All other projects have been delayed until 2021.
- DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - The Belmont Dam has been cleaned off.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - Kyle and Leonard worked on stream permits for the Towns of Alfred, Andover, Angelica, Belfast, Bolivar and Hume. We also worked on stream permits for 5 landowners.
 - Scott Alsworth completed the marking of timber on the Bennett and Helmer Lots in the Town of Grove

Bennett Lot Tree Species	Board Footage
Red Oak	28,421
Soft Maple	41,099
Hard Maple	14,508
Ash	173,022
Cherry	4,661
Aspen	11,775
Cucumber	1,009

Helmer Lot Tree Species	Board Footage
Ash	3,041

5. Old Business

- a. Cleaning Update – We recently hired the Allegany County ARC to do the office cleaning.
- b. Farmland Protection Plan – Match for planning grant – Scott is looking to apply again and wondered about the match for the grant. Due to the Corona Virus and possible budget cuts, Scott was looking for advice on whether to commit to the match. It was agreed Soil and Water should wait to see what happens with our budget before committing.

6. New Business

- a. **Annual Plan of Work 2020 – Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
- b. **Part B Request Approval – D&R Farm Fencing Project – Farm is applying for \$6000.00 for 2000’ of fencing for streambank – Approved (Graves - Cygan)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: November 17, 2020 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

- a. **NYACD Newsletter**

9. Adjournment - 6:09 pm Approved (Cygan - Graves)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman