

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 17, 2017  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Executive Director  
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order: 5:35pm**
2. **Minutes of September 19, 2017 - 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 – Report attached
  - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
  - d. Executive Director –
    1. Program Updates:
      - Round 20
        - No changes in the last month
      - Round 21
        - No changes in the last month
      - FL\_LOWPA
        - The first part of Jones Beef Farm’s project is complete
        - Meehan Farm is starting their diversion ditch project this week.
        - Bruce Vosburg is starting his manure transfer system
        - The closeout for the Year 14-15 grant program has been approved
        - We received our advance payment for the 2016-17 grant.
      - AEM
        - Year 13
          1. Working on planning for the CAFO waste storage grant program.
          2. Continuing to work on planning for various farms and projects.
      - Southern Tier Program
        1. Bruce Vosburg is working on the construction of his heifer barn.

2. Dan Nickerson is waiting on the contractor, site has been prepared.
  3. Bob Wilson is waiting for a contractor so he can start his project.
- Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
    - Lynn Bliven is in the final stages of completing her project.
    - Mike Vosburg is working on his Ag Bag pad.
    - Joe Cygan is completing his fence project.
    - Will Hall is wrapping up his cover crop planting.
  - Belfast River Stabilization
    - We will start the survey work in the next couple weeks.
  - Soil
    - We have contracts for approval tonight.
    - There is a preconstruction meeting for Andy Peet's manure storage on Thursday.
    - Behen Farm, Keldo Farm, Beech Hill Cattle Farms have all completed their cover crops. 220 acres were planted between the 3 farms.
2. Technical Assistance:
    - Ryan submitted a grant application for a stream stabilization project in the Town of Granger that will protect a roadway. He also submitted a grant application for a stream stabilization project in Alma.
    - We met with property owners on one of the Rushford Lake inlets to see what could be done to alleviate erosion that is occurring. We will be following up on this now that the Lake has been drawn down.
    - The Town of Wellsville completed the repairs to the flood protection system on Dyke Creek.

## 5. Old Business

- a. **STAIEP – Mike Clark** – Informed Soil and Water he will not be completing his Hog Barn Project. State is still trying to determine what to do with the grant money that was for his project. Some of the money is possibly going to another project that was only partially funded initially. The remaining funds will be going to another county, so we could potentially lose \$100,000.00. Soil and Water will also lose the 10% administrative fee.

## 6. New Business

- a. **2018 Plan of Work – Approved (Hopkins, Graves)**
- b. **Copier Discussion** – Copier has been acting up, received a quote to purchase a new one from Acme Business in Olean. Scott is going to contact Brenda at the county to see where they purchase their machines and compare pricing.
- c. **CAFO Waste Storage Grant – Resolution – Approved (Graves, Hopkins)**
- d. **Approval for Part B Project - B&S Farm Milkhouse Waste System – Approved (Graves, Covert)**
- e. **Farm Bureau Resolutions** – Discussion held regarding resolutions and we were notified that resolutions have been tabled by the County at this time.
- f. **FL-LOWPA 16-17 – Robert Chamberlain – Prescribed Rotational Grazing System – Approved (Graves, Hopkins)**

- g. **Part C Contracts –**
  - i. **Cherry View Farm – Heavy Use Area Protection – Approved (Hopkins, Graves)**
  - ii. **Bainbridge Farm, LLC – Cover Crops – Approved (Hopkins, Graves)**

**7. Announcements**

- a. Next meeting will be November 21, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

**8. Correspondence –**

- a. **Email – Governor Cuomo announces \$50 Million Available to Support Water Quality Protection Projects on New York State Livestock Farms**

**9. Adjournment - 6:10 pm Approved (Graves - Covert)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman