

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 15, 2019
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Karl Graves, Legislator
James Wilcox, Grange
Judith Hopkins, Legislator
Joey Cygan, Farm Bureau

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of September 17, 2019 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – See Attached
 - b. FSA – See Attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – See Attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. Canacadea Creek
 - b. The James Brothers Farm is working on completing their project.
 2. Round 21
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure transfer system.
 3. Round 24
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 4. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Lynn Bliven is waiting for the contractor to show up to complete her project.
 - b. Lester York is still working on his project.
 - c. Jones Beef Farm has completed their project.
 5. 2019 Part B
 - a. Nathan Hanes has completed his fencing.
 6. AEM
 - a. Round 16 is in need of approval tonight.
 - b. Year 15 is progressing with planning on multiple farms.
 7. Southern Tier Program
 - a. No changes in the last month.

8. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We are working on the permitting and design documents.
 9. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure storage.
 - b. Ponderosa Farm – the concrete contractor has begun work on the site.
 10. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - a. Waiting on the concrete wall bids to come in
 11. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - a. Design work for Jones Beef Farm will be completed this week.
 12. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. Jones Beef Farm is working on completing their diversion ditches. Should be finished next week.
 13. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - a. Contract documents have been sent back.
 14. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - a. No changes in the last month.
- ii. Technical Assistance
1. Looked at several different areas of streambank erosion across the County.
 2. Travis Lot timber harvest – the logging company has worked on the roads to prepare them for logging.
 3. We submitted Letter of Intent for to FEMA for Implementing Hazard Mitigation Projects for the following projects:
 - a. Philips Creek Streambank Stabilization - stabilizing the bank area threatening the Village of Belmont’s sewer system - \$200,000
 4. The Ag District #3 update has been submitted to Ag and Markets

5. Old Business

- a. Truck Purchase – We will be receiving the new truck bids shortly, and have to submit the selected bid before the next board meeting. Scott is requesting approval to purchase a new truck if the bid comes in under \$35,000.00. **Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

6. New Business

- a. **Revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Upper Susquehanna Coalition – Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- b. **AEM Round 16 Request** – The AEM program has changed a little bit. Instead of a 1 year term, it is now for 2 years. Requesting approval to participate in the program, \$220,000.00 for 2 Years of AEM equates to 5,000 man hours. And we are submitting for projects that would total \$100,000.00 for 2 years. **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- c. **Resolution 2019-17 AEM Round 16 – Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- d. **Part B Request** - Requesting approval to submit request for Peter Rauber Farm Pasture System. Installing 4,000 feet of fencing to create additional grazing paddocks. Total request : \$6,000.00 – **Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
- e. **2020 Annual Plan of Work – Approved (Wilcox – Cygan)**

7. Announcements

- a. **Vic will be attending the November meeting to provide the Board with District Law Training. It is important that everyone attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please let us know and we can get you the training information for you to do on your own.**
- b. **Next Board Meeting, November 19, at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

- a. **NYACD Newsletter**

9. Adjournment - 6:05pm Approved (Graves - Wilcox)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman