

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 16, 2018
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau
James Wilcox, Grange
Karl Graves, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers - FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:32 pm
2. **Minutes of September 18, 2018 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Covert)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No report
 - b. FSA – Report attached
 - c. Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
 - d. Executive Director –
5. **Program Updates:**
 1. Round 20
 - a. Farms are working to complete their projects by the end of the year.
 2. Round 21
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working on his manure separation system.
 3. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Bruce Vosburg has completed his manure handling system.
 - b. Wayne Jones will be finishing his projects in the next couple of weeks.
 - c. Marvin Covert has completed his drainage project.
 4. AEM
 - a. We are working on Tier 5B evaluations of previously completed ag-non point source projects.
 5. Southern Tier Program
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. Projects have been closed out.
 7. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 8. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Aaron Brooks is working on his manure storage.
 - b. Round 2 Plan of Work documents are due October 26, 2018.
 9. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - a. Town is going to wait until spring to do the project.
 10. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - a. Looks like projects won’t be worked on until spring.

11. EPA-GLRI Grant

- a. 100 acres of cover crops have been completed.
- b. Technical Assistance
 1. The gravel removal project on McCurdy Creek in Shongo has been moving slowly. The DOT had to use their equipment to do emergency road repairs so they have not made it to Shongo yet. The county DPW has been working on removing gravel from stream and is partially done.
 2. Alfred State has finished the stream work in Shongo. The students corrected the stream channel, placed 84 tons of rock rip rap in the stream and planted willows on the bank.
 3. The Belmont Dam project may be put on hold until next year. The river conditions have not allowed the contractor to perform the work.
 4. Scott Alsworth is working on culvert assessments for a grant from the DEC that we received last year. This will bring in \$10,000 for the District.

6. **Old Business**

- a. **New Truck Bid** – The district has received bids for the new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck and Scott has ordered it. Karl asked whether it would be a better option to lease trucks as opposed to buying them. Scott has asked Vic this question in the past and was told, no, we cannot, because the district is not able to borrow money. Scott will check with Vic again and see if it is a possibility and whether it would be a better fit financially.
- b. **Part C Update** – Requesting permission to use part of the \$87,000.00 Part C money, initially being held to use for the Belfast Project, to fix the VanCampen Creek Stream issue in Friendship that is threatening the Accord building. Alfred State College has agreed to do the labor for free if the district can come up with funding to rent larger equipment and the rock for the project. **Approved (Greaves – Wilcox)**

7. **New Business**

- a. **2019 Annual Plan of Work – Approved (Covert – Graves)**
- b. **Part B – Hanes Farm Pasture System Approval Request** – Requesting approval to use \$6,000.00 of Part B funding to turn cropland into permanent pasture. **Approved (Covert - Graves)**

8. **Announcements**

- a. **Next Board Meeting: November 20, 2018 at 5:30pm.**

9. **Correspondence**

- a. NYACD Newsletter
- b.

10. **Adjournment - 6:15 pm Approved (Graves - Covert)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman