

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 17, 2019
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Karl Graves, Legislator
James Wilcox, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 pm
2. **Minutes of August 27, 2019 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – See Attached
 - d. Executive Director –
5. **Program Updates:**
 - a. Round 20
 - i. Locustbrae Farm has completed their watering system. Once they submit their paperwork, we will be able to close out Round 20 Canacadea Creek.
 - ii. Lucky Acre Farm – Will Ploetz – has completed his fencing project.
 - iii. We met the James Brothers Farm last week. They will be hiring the rest of their fencing done by a contractor.
 - b. Round 21
 - i. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure transfer system.
 - c. Round 24
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. FL_LOWPA
 - i. Lynn Bliven will complete her project in October.
 - ii. Lester York is working on completing his project. They started yesterday.
 - iii. Jones Beef Farm is planning on completing their project in the next month.
 - e. AEM
 - i. Year 16 AEM Plan of Work is due November 1, 2019. We will have this for approval at our October meeting. Year 16 will be back to \$110,000 for planning with an additional \$50,000 for project implementation.
 - f. Southern Tier Program
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - g. Belfast River Stabilization
 - i. We are working on the permitting and design documents.

- h. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Aaron Brooks is working towards completing his manure storage.
 - ii. Ponderosa Farm is working on the earthwork with the concrete contractor starting in the next few weeks.
 - i. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - i. Have received bids for the hoop structure. Working on concrete wall bids.
 - j. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - i. Wilson Engineering has completed the survey work and is working on the designs for Jones Beef Farm.
 - ii. Bob and Diane Foster have decided not to do their project.
 - k. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - i. Jones Beef Farm is working on completing their diversion ditches.
 - l. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - i. Working on getting contract documents prepared.
 - m. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - i. Ponderosa Farm has completed their diversion ditches.
6. Technical Assistance
- a. The no till drill has been rented out to 3 different farms and used to plant approximately 150 acres so far this fall.
 - b. Looked at several different areas of streambank erosion across the County.
7. **Old Business**
- a. FL-LOWPA Project Updates – Requesting approval for 2 changes. Year 16-17, contract for Gilbert will not be completed, so we are requesting that Windfall farm be moved from year 17-18 and received the \$12,500.00 Gilbert’s will not be using. Also requesting contract approval for the \$5,000.00 from year 16-17 that was originally Windfall farm, be used for drainage for a new contract for Rush Creek Ranch.
Approved (Graves – Wilcox)
8. **New Business**
- a. **FL-LOWPA 16-17 – Rush Creek Ranch – Drainage Project \$5,000.00 Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
 - b. **AG District 3 update** – Scott just wanted Directors to know about a miscommunication regarding paperwork and updates for district 3 update between himself, the County Attorney and the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.
9. **Announcements**
- i. **Next Board Meeting, September 17 at 5:30pm.**
10. **Correspondence**
- a. **NYACD Newsletter**
11. **Adjournment - 5:47 pm Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman