

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 24, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner, NRCS
Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:34 pm
2. **Minutes of August 25, 2020 Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cygan - Graves)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – NRCS is working on CRP plans for FSA contract
 - b. FSA – see attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – See Attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 - Program Updates:
 - Round 21
 - a. Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
 - b. Wellsville Water Supply – we are working on closeout documents.
 - Round 24
 - a. Cody Pomeroy has started his barn project.
 - Round 25
 - a. All contracts have been approved.
 - b. We have not received any advance payment from the State yet.
 - FL_LOWPA
 - Linda Voith finished her streambank project
 - AEM
 - a. We are working on our AEM 5 Year Strategic Plan. This is due December 31, 2020.
 - Southern Tier Program
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 - FEMA
 - a. Van Campen Creek – we are currently working on designs.

- b. Belfast River Stabilization
 - i. The DEC permit has been approved. We are waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers for their permit approval.
 - CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Barney Farms are working on getting bids for their bedded pack barn project.
 - b. Ponderosa Farm – we are working on the closeout
 - WQIP Grants
 - a. We have signed the contracts for the Town of Independence salt storage barn and the Van Campen Creek Engineering planning.
 - b. Still waiting on 3 other contracts.
 - EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 - Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - a. We will be starting to do the engineering work in September for the Van Campen Creek project.
 - Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 - DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - a. The Belmont Dam has been cleaned off.
- Technical Assistance
 - Kyle and Leonard have been assisting 2 landowners with stream projects.
 - The no till drill has been used to plant approximately 565 acres so far this year.
 - Scott Alsworth is marking trees for harvest on Rattlesnake Hill in the Town of Grove.
 - The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is accepting letters of intent for hazard mitigation projects until September 30, 2020. We are reviewing potential projects for this funding.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **GLRI Contract Approval – Doug Behen – 38 acres of cover crop – Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
- b. **GLRI Contract Approval – Doug Barney – 38 acres of cover crop – Approved (Ormsby – Graves)**
- c. **GLRI Contract Approval – Jeff Baker – 39 acres of cover crop – Approved (Cygan – Ormsby)**
- d. **GLRI Contract Approval – David Saunders – 38 acres of cover crop – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: October 20, 2020 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 5:53 pm Approved (Graves - Cygan)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman