

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 19, 2017
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Marvin Covert, Farm Bureau

Karl Graves, Legislator
Jim Wilcox, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Executive Director
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:39 pm
2. **Minutes of August 15, 2017 - Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports - Approved (Graves - Covert)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
 - c. 2016 Audit – **Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
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 –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. Locustbrae Farm has finished their fence. They are not working on the water system.
 2. Round 21
 - a. No changes in the last month
 3. FL_LOWPA
 - a. Jones Beef Farm’s project should be starting shortly
 - b. Meehan Farm is planning on starting their diversion ditch project in the next few weeks.
 - c. We submitted the closeout for the Year 14-15 grant program.
 4. AEM
 - a. Year 13
 - i. We are working with 6 farms to plan practices for the NRCS grant program RCPP.
 1. We will end up submitting grants for \$820,998. We will receive 20% of the awarded grant amount to help implement them.

- ii. Scott Alsworth is working on a pasture plan in support of the NRCS's CSP program.
- 5. Southern Tier Program
 - a. We received a payment of \$312,706.30.
 - b. Bruce Vosburg is working on the construction of his heifer barn.
 - c. Dan Nickerson is starting his shop project.
 - d. Mike Clark's project is still undecided.
 - e. Bob Wilson is waiting for a contractor so he can start his project.
- 6. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - a. Lynn Bliven is in the process of completing her drainage project.
 - b. Mike Vosburg plans to complete his ag bag project before corn harvest.
- 7. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We sent a letter to Cathy Young's office requesting financial assistance for this project.
- 8. Part B
 - a. C&T Farm completed their fencing project
- 9. Part C
 - a. We have contracts for approval tonight.
 - b. Working on allocating the remaining funds.
- ii. Technical Assistance:
 - 1. We have provided technical and permit assistance for stream stabilization projects for the following:
 - a. Town of Wellsville – we received an emergency permit from the DEC to fix a section of the flood protection system on Dyke Creek.
 - b. Town of Granger – we are assisting the Town with a stabilization project along one of their roads.
 - c. Finished up a stream project for Mallards Dairy in the Town of Rushford. Assisted with another stream project for the farm in the Town of Caneadea.
 - d. Finished the stabilization project at the sewer treatment plant in Houghton.
 - e. We will be doing another stream project this fall with the Alfred State Heavy Equipment Program. This is used as a training for their students.

5. Old Business

- a. **Pat Carlin** – Auditor requested unemployment reports on Pat Carlin since 2008. Our bookkeeper has obtained a value of past unemployment owed for the auditor. The county attorney will contact unemployment office and find out if they will accept the amount for past payments with no further action.

6. New Business

- a. **Part C Project Contracts** –
 - i. **Keldo Farm Cover Crops – Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
 - ii. **Behen Farm Cover Crops – Approved (Wilcox - Covert)**
 - iii. **Beech Hill Farms, Inc Cover Crops – Approved (Cover – Graves)**
 - iv. **Val Dale Farms Cover Crops – Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**

- v. **Wilcox Farm Barnyard Water Management – Approved (Covert – Graves)**
- vi. **Claybed Farm Waste Storage and Transfer System – Approved (Wilcox – Covert)**

7. Announcements

- a. Next meeting will be October 17, 2017 at the District Facility at 5:30pm.

8. Correspondence

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

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman