

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 18, 2018
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:17 pm
2. **Minutes of August 21, 2018 Approved (Graves - Wilcox)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No report
 - b. FSA – No report
 - c. Division of Land and Water Resources – Report attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - a. Round 20
 - i. Bill James is working on completing his fencing project. Plans to be completed by the end of the year.
 - b. Round 21
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - c. FL_LOWPA
 - i. Bruce Vosburg has completed his manure handling system.
 - ii. Wayne Jones is finished part of his covered feed pad.
 - iii. Grant year 2015-16 ends December 31, 2018
 - d. Part B
 - i. Joe Bolzan completed his milkhouse waste collection system
 - e. AEM
 - i. We received our Year 13 closeout payment.
 - ii. Year 14
 1. We signed the contract for Year 14.
 - f. Southern Tier Program
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - g. Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant
 - i. We are working on closeouts.
 - h. Belfast River Stabilization
 - i. No changes in the last month.

- i. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. We have been awarded 4 grants for the CAFO Waste Storage Grant Round 2. Total state funds awarded was \$1,540,000 with a farm match of \$675,470 for a total cost of \$2,215,470. Award announcement is attached.
 - j. West Almond Salt Storage Facility
 - i. Town is going to wait until spring to do the project.
 - k. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - l. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - i. One contract for approval tonight
2. Technical Assistance
- a. We are tentatively planning to begin a gravel removal project on McCurdy Creek in Shongo on October 1st. This will be a joint effort between NYS DOT, local municipalities, the County and Soil and Water to increase the water flow capacity of the box culvert going under Route 19 and the area upstream of Route 19. Our hope is that this will reduce flooding that occurs in the area.
 - b. We will be doing a stream stabilization project in Shongo the week of September 24. This will be at the site of the flooding that happened on July 4, 2018. The temporary fix that we did in July is starting to fail. We will use some FL-LOWPA stream stabilization money to purchase rip rap for the site. The Alfred State Heavy Equipment program will be providing the equipment and the students will do the project as part of their course work.
 - c. We are talking with Alfred State to do some work on the erosion problem in Friendship. We are hoping to do a temporary fix this fall to slow down the erosion.
 - d. Leonard has been assisting the Town of Almond with the renewal of their mining permit.
 - e. Jim Ball has completed his survey of the Travis Lot and is working on finalizing all of the paperwork associated with it. There are a few discrepancies that he will be working with the County Attorney to clear up.
 - f. We have received permission from all of the landowners around the Belmont Dam to access the site. We would like to complete this tree removal within the next month.

5. Old Business

- a. **CAFO Round 2 Funding Award Letter** – Award letter regarding the funding for 4 projects for the contract.
- b. **Belmont Dam Tree Removal Update** – We have received permission to access the site from all landowners. We have a company willing to do the removal. Job estimate is between \$5,000 - \$10,000, we don't have a set price due to a lot of unknown issues possible. We will use the DEC Aid to Localities money we received from Cathy Young's office to pay for this.

- c. **County Contract** – The 3 Year County Contract has been approved by the county. Requesting permission to have Rod sign the Agreement. **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**

6. New Business

- a. **Doug Behen Cover Crops GLRI Contract** – Doug will plant 100 acres of cover crops at the rate of \$75.00/acre. **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- b. **16-17 FL-LOWPA – McCurdy Creek Stabilization** – Requesting approval to use funding to purchase rock rip rap for this site. Alfred state students will do the work associated with this. **Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**
- c. **Part C Update** –
 - 1. **Truck Purchase** - Currently we purchase 2 new trucks every 2 years. We are slated to purchase new ones at the end of 2018 beginning of 2019. I am proposing that we purchase a new ¾ ton truck to allow us the ability to move the no till drill around the county if need be. I estimate this truck to cost us around \$30,000. I would like permission to spend up to \$35,000 of Part C money for this truck. Victor and the State Committee will need to approve the use of Part C money for this. I would also request permission to submit to the state for bids to purchase a ½ truck to replace our current 4 door truck. We will keep the current 2 door truck so that we have 3 trucks for staff to use and begin to replace trucks on a 3 year cycle. This truck will be purchased using funds from the dedicated funds. The truck line of the dedicated funds currently has a balance of \$63,245. **Approved (Wilcox – Graves)**
 - 2. **VanCampen Creek – Rock rip rap purchase** – Requesting permission to use some of the Part C money that was slated to be used as part of our matching funding for the Belfast FEMA project, to purchase rock rip rap for VanCampen Creek project. The Part C money needs to be spent by the end of 2018 or we will lose it. We still don't have a contract approved with FEMA for the Belfast project. **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- d. **District Technician Update** – Kyle Redman did not accept the open District Technician job, so the county is putting out an ad and accepting applications until October 28th.
- e. **Permission to pay the following projects when completed:**
 - 1. **Appleview Farm** – up to \$6,008.37 **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
 - 2. **Jones Beef Farm** – up to \$15,000.00 **Approved (Hopkins – Wilcox)**
 - 3. **Doug Behen** – up to \$7,500.00 **Approved (Wilcox – Graves)**
 - 4. **Jeramie Hurlbut** – up to \$7,500.00 **Approved (Graves – Wilcox)**

7. Announcements

- a. **Next Board Meeting: October 16, 2018 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

- a. NYACD Newsletter

9. Adjournment - 5:50 pm Approved (Hopkins - Graves)