

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 15, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner, NRCS - Virtual

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of November 17, 2020 Approved (Cygan - Graves)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Cygan)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Ben reported that nothing has changed with NRCS. The office is still not open to the public
 - b. FSA – No report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – See attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - Round 21
 - Rushford Lake – closeout will be submitted next week
 - Wellsville Water Supply – working on some changes that Vic requested.
 - Round 24
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Round 25
 - Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. We have received our advance payment.
 - Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Project to be started late 2021
 - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. Jones Beef Farm is working on their bedded pack barn.
 - Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. Beech Hill Cattle Farms has completed 100 acres of cover crops. Leonard is working with D&L Saunders Farm to design their bedded pack barn.
 - FL_LOWPA
 - We received our grant year 2017-18 closeout payment and the advanced payment for the 2019-20 grant.

- AEM
 - We are working on our AEM 5 Year Strategic Plan. This is due December 31, 2020.
 - Southern Tier Program
 - No changes in the last month.
 - FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek – we are currently working on designs.
 - Belfast River Stabilization
 1. We have completed the bid packet and contract documents; we will be sending it to the County Attorney this week for their review.
 2. I would like to have a bid opening at our February meeting.
 - CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - No changes in the last month.
 - WQIP Grants
 - We have finally received executed contracts for all of the grants approved in December of 2019.
 - 3 of the grants end in 2021. We will be applying for extensions.
 - We are working on the planning grants for Van Campen Creek, Philips Creek and Black Creek.
 - EPA-GLRI Grant
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - We are working on the design for both projects.
 - Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - No changes in the last month.
 - DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - No changes in the last month.
2. Technical Assistance
- Kyle and Leonard assisted the Towns of Belfast and Hume with stream issues and have been working with Belfast, Hume and the County DPW on Rush Creek in Fillmore.
 - Scott Alsworth has been working on the final cleanup plan for the Travis Lot.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **AEM Five Year Strategic Plan Update – Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: January 19, 2021 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 5:41 pm Approved (Graves – Hopkins)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman