

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – , February 16,2021  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir  
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
  2. **Minutes of January 19, 2021 Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
  3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
    - a. Treasurer’s Report
    - b. Abstracts
  4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
    - a. NRCS – COVID-19 office update: Office doors are still closed to the public.  
**EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)**
      - Armstrong – Spring development and watering system design
      - Bennett – certified/paid for RO system
      - Currently assessing and ranking FY2021 applications**CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**
      - 2021 First Round cut-off for applications not announced ye**WRP/WRE**
      - Will be working with Trust for Tomorrow on 4 wetland easements in Allegany Co. identified as potentially needing repair
    - b. FSA – No Report
    - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached
    - d. Executive Director
1. Program Updates:
    - Round 21
      - Rushford Lake – working on some needed changes
      - Wellsville Water Supply – the closeout has been approved by the State
    - Round 24
      - No changes in the last month.
    - Round 25
      - Black Creek Manure Storages
        1. No changes in the last month.
      - Cryder Creek Grazing System
        1. No changes in the last month.
        2. We have received our advanced payment.
      - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
        1. No changes in the last month.

- Wellsville Water Supply Protection
    1. D&L Saunders Farm is getting bids for their bedded pack barn.
  - FL-LOWPA
    - There is one contract for approval tonight – Willow Creek Farm
  - AEM
    - We received our 65% advanced implementation money.
  - Southern Tier Program
    - No changes in the last month.
  - FEMA
    - Van Campen Creek – we are currently working on designs.
    - Belfast River Stabilization
      1. The County Attorney is still reviewing the bid and contract documents. Once that is done, we will solicit bids.
  - CAFO Waste Storage Grant
    - Ponderosa Farm closeout has been approved by the state
    - We have met with Lismore Dairy, they are planning to do their storage in 2021.
    - We have met with Barney Farm, they are planning to do their storage in 2021.
  - WQIP Grants
    - 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
    - Waiting to get paid.
2. Technical Assistance
    - Leonard assisted the Town of Angelica with updating their mining permit.
    - We are looking at using some Part C money to stabilize Philips Creek near the Village of Belmont’s sewage lift station. We had originally pursued FEMA funding for this, however there was not enough money available for this project.
    - Annual reports have been completed.
    - We met the qualifications to be eligible for the full Part A payment of \$60,000 and the full Part C payment.
5. **Old Business**
  6. **New Business**
    - a. **FL-LOWPA 19-20 Contract Approval – Willow Creek Farm - \$10,000 for NRCS Manure Storage Project – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
    - b. **FL-LOWPA 18-19 Contract Approval – Gail Hoffman - \$5,000 for completion of erosion control started in 2020 – Approved (Graves – Ormsby)**
  7. **Announcements**
    - i. **Next Board Meeting, March 16, at 5:30pm.**

**8. Correspondence**

**9. Adjournment - 5:37pm Approved (Cygan - Graves)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman