

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – February 18, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Judy Hopkins, Legislator

Ben Renner – NRCS
Nicole Ayers - FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:43 pm
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3. **Minutes of January 21, 2020 Approved (Hopkins - Cygan)**
4. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
5. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Ben Renner, who has replaced Kathy Kos, came to introduce himself. He comes from PA, where he worked for NRCS for many years. He is excited to work with Soil and Water and collaborate with us to help farms in the area.
 - b. FSA – See attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - Canacadea Creek – closeout documents will be finished by the end of the month
 - Oil Creek – closeout documents will be finished by the end of the month
 2. Round 21
 - Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
 3. Round 24
 - No changes in the last month.
 4. Round 25
 - Plan of work documents have been submitted for contract development.
 5. Round 26
 - Applications are due April 13, 2020.
 6. FL_LOWPA
 - The 16-17 grant closeout has been approved.
 - We have a contract for approval tonight.

7. AEM
 - Year 15 closeout will be submitted on 2/19/2020.
 - Round 16 contract has been signed and returned to the State.
 8. Southern Tier Program
 - No changes in the last month.
 9. Belfast River Stabilization
 - We are working on the permitting and design documents.
 10. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Lismore Dairy, Bainbridge Farm, Barney Farm and RAW Farm are all planning in working on their waste storages in 2020.
 11. Granger and West Almond Salt Storage Facilities
 - Will complete the bid process this winter with construction taking place in the spring.
 12. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - Working on lining projects up for next year.
 13. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - No changes in the last month.
 14. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - No changes in the last month.
 15. DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - The Cuba Lake District completed dredging on the Abbott Creek inlet of the Lake.
- Technical Assistance
1. All State and County Annual Reports have been submitted.
 2. FEMA grant application for work on Philips Creek has met New York State approval and has been moved onto FEMA for their review.

Grant Update

FL-LOWPA 2018-19 Contract Approvals

- Hoffman Farm – Town of Hume – This project is to clean drainage ditches around the cropland. These ditches are currently filled with sediment and surface water is not draining away properly. FL-LOWPA cost share to be \$5,000 with the farm covering the remaining amount.
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6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. **Truck Sale – Scott posted the advertisement for closed bids on Facebook marketplace for the 2017 Chevy Single Cab truck. We received two closed bids, one for \$17,200.00 and another for \$18,000.00. Based on market value those are reasonable bids. The board accepted the bid for \$18,000.00. Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**
- b. **FL-LOWPA 18-19 – Gail Hoffman, \$5,000.00 – Erosion Control, Structural Systems – See director report for details Approved (Hopkins - Cygan)**

8. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, March 17, at 5:30pm.** – Karl will not be able to attend.

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment - 6:08pm Approved (Hopkins - Cygan)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman