

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – January 19, 2021
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner - NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:32 pm
2. **Election of Officers**
Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman – Rodney Bennett (**Cygan - Graves**)
Close Nominations (**Graves - Cygan**)
Vice Chairman - Karl Graves (**Cygan - Ormsby**)
Close Nominations (**Ormsby - Cygan**)
3. **Minutes of December 15, 2020 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
4. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cygan – Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
5. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – COVID-19 office update: Office doors are still closed to the public. Currently only 1 NRCS employee in the office at a time (until at least the end of the month). No office to office travel.
 1. **EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)**
13 active contracts
Armstrong – Spring development and watering system survey
Clark – certifying waste transfer and reception pit
Bennett – certifying RO and vacuum pump/motor replacement
Beginning to assess FY2021 applications (21 applications)
 2. **CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**
11 active CSP contracts
2021 First Round cut-off for applications not announced yet
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. 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 – working on some need changes
- 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 will be receiving out advanced payment in the next month.
 - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. Jones Beef Farm is working on their bedded pack barn.
 - Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. Leonard is working with D&L Saunders Farm to design their bedded pack barn.
- FL_LOWPA
 - Working on wrapping up the 18-19 grant.
 - Getting projects lined up for 2021.
 - AEM
 - The AEM 5 Year Strategic Plan was submitted at the end of December.
 - We are working to get our AEM implementation projects lined up to be completed in 2021.
 - 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 reviewing the bid and contract documents. Once that is done, we will solicit bids.
 - CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Ponderosa Farm closeout documents have been approved by Vic and have been sent to the State. We are owed \$50,053.49
 - WQIP Grants
 - Granger, West Almond and Independence have all indicated they would like to do their slat storage projects this year.
 - 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
 - Kyle and Leonard have continued assisting 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.
 - The State has indicated that they will be paying both Parts A and C on time and for the full amounts this year.
 - We are working on annual reports which are due in February.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. **Designation of Depositories** – Community Bank – **Approved (Cygan – Ormsby)**
- b. **Appointment of Audit Committee** – Bennett and Graves – **Approved (Cygan - Graves)**
- c. **Designation of Official Newspaper** – Wellsville Spectator and Cuba Patriot – **Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
- d. **Board Meeting Schedule for 2021** – Will be keeping the meetings the same, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm– **Approved (Cygan - Ormsby)**
- e. **FL-LOWPA 2020-21 Contract Approval** – Requesting approval for Scott to sign new 2020-21 contract **Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
- f. **FL-LOWPA 2020-21 Resolution 2021-01** – **Approved (Cygan – Ormsby)**
- g. **Genesee River Coalition Resolution 2021-02** - Resolution designating the Allegany County Soil & Water Conservation district as the Chairman of the Genesee River Watershed Coalition of Conservation Districts. **Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

8. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, February 16, at 5:30pm.**

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment - 6:06pm Approved (Cygan - Graves)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman