

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – January 21, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Joe Cygan, Farm Bureau
Karl Graves, Legislator

Judy Hopkins, Legislator

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Stephanie Castle – Genesee River Watershed
Coalition

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Election of Officers**
Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman – Rodney Bennett (**Graves - Cygan**)
Close Nominations (**Graves - Cygan**)
Vice Chairman - Karl Graves (**Hopkins - Cygan**)
Close Nominations (**Hopkins - Cygan**)
3. **Minutes of December 17, 2019 Approved (Hopkins - Graves)**
4. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
5. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. Stephanie Castle – GRWC – The Watershed Coalition is looking into hiring an Engineer. The engineer will be used in all of the coalition districts. Since we have our own engineer, we will not be participating in the use of the coalition’s engineer. Due to this, the coalition is asking for support from us, in the hiring of an engineer. The coalition has ACSWCD’s full support in the hiring of an engineer.
 - b. NRCS – No Report
 - c. FSA – No Report
 - d. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – No report
 - e. Executive Director –
 - i. Program Updates:
 1. Round 20
 - a. Canacadea Creek – closeout documents will be finished by the end of the month
 - b. Oil Creek – closeout documents will be finished by the end of the month
 2. Round 21
 - a. Rushford Lake - we are working on the closeout documents.
 3. Round 24
 - a. No changes in the last month.

4. Round 25
 - a. Plan of work documents have been submitted for contract development.
 5. Round 26
 - a. Applications are due April 13, 2020.
 6. FL_LOWPA
 - a. The 16-17 grant closeout has been submitted.
 - b. We have some contracts for approval tonight.
 7. AEM
 - a. Working Year 15 closeout.
 8. Southern Tier Program
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 9. Belfast River Stabilization
 - a. We are working on the permitting and design documents.
 10. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Ponderosa Farm – the storage has been completed. We will begin working on the closeout.
 11. Granger and West Almond Salt Storage Facilities
 - a. Will complete the bid process this winter with construction taking place in the spring.
 12. NRCS RCPP Funding
 - a. We submitted for reimbursement of our expenses for Wilson Engineering.
 13. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - a. Working on lining projects up for next year.
 14. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - a. We have received our advanced payment.
 15. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 16. DEC Aid to Localities Grant
 - a. The Cuba Lake District completed dredging on the Abbott Creek inlet of the Lake.
- ii. Technical Assistance
1. Several Towns have contacted us about the salt storage building grants and the culvert aquatic connectivity grants. We will be working with these towns over the next few months in preparation for the next round of WQIP grant funding.
 2. Travis Lot timber harvest – logging has slowed down due to the warm/wet weather.

6. Old Business

- a. **Grange Member Update – Scott contacted the local grange representative to ask them to recommend a member to take the empty place on our board. The rep will get back to us.**
- b. **Grant Update –**
We received 5 grant awards in the latest round of CFA Grants:

- **Town of Independence Salt Storage Facility, \$80,000** – We will work with the Town of Independence to construct a salt storage facility to protect the town’s currently exposed salt pile. The structure will help prevent salt from entering a principal aquifer and the nearby stream. The Town of Independence will pay for the cost share requirements of this project (\$80,000).
- **Gleason Hill Culvert Aquatic Connectivity Restoration, \$68,486** – We will work with the Town of Belfast to replace a failing culvert on a tributary to Black Creek in the Town of Belfast. The Town of Belfast will pay for the cost share requirements of this project (\$22,829). The project will restore aquatic connectivity in the stream.
- **Van Campen Creek Streambank Stabilization Study, \$30,000** - This is to complete an engineering design report to address streambank erosion on Van Campen Creek in the Town of Friendship.
- **Philips Creek Streambank Stabilization Study, \$30,000** - This is to complete an engineering design report to address streambank erosion on Philips Creek in the Village of Belmont. This will cover the cost to design the stabilization project protect the bridge, Fairview Street and the Village of Belmont’s septic system lift station that is located on the streambank.
- **Black Creek Streambank Stabilization Study, \$30,000** - This is to complete an engineering design report to help stabilize streambank erosion on Black Creek in the Town of West Almond.

FL-LOWPA 2018-19 Contract Approvals

- Jones Beef Farm – Town of Rushford – This project is to put a roof over an existing feed pad to keep rainwater off of the pad. FL-LOWPA cost share to be \$15,000 with the farm covering the remaining amount.
- Meehan Farm – Town of Andover – This project is to install a diversion ditch and a tile line to stop erosion on cropland. FL-LOWPA cost share to be \$10,000 with the farm covering the remaining amount.

7. New Business

- a. **Designation of Depositories** – Steuben Trust – **Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**
- b. **Appointment of Audit Committee** – Bennett and Graves – **Approved (Hopkins-Cygan)**
- c. **Designation of Official Newspaper** – Wellsville Spectator and Cuba Patriot – **Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
- d. **Board Meeting Schedule for 2020** – Will be keeping the meetings the same, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm– **Approved (Cygan - Graves)**
- e. **Truck Tire Purchase** – Requesting permission to purchase tires for one of the trucks as they are currently unsafe. **Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
- f. **Phone System** – Requesting permission to change the office phone system. After having a meeting with Verizon, we are requesting the purchase of 1 wifi office phone, that will then transfer phone calls to employee cell phones. We will be cutting our current phone bill in half. **Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- g. **FL-LOWPA 2018-19 Contract Approvals** –
 1. Jones Beef Farm – Barnyard Water Management System - \$15,000
Approved (Graves – Hopkins)

- 2. Joe Meehan – Erosion Control – Structural Systems - \$10,000 **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- h. **FL-LOWPA 2019-20 Contract Approval** – Requesting approval for Scott to sign new 2019-20 contract **Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**
- i. **FL-LOWPA 2019-20 Resolution 2020-01 – Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- j. **Genesee River Coalition Resolution 2020-02** - Resolution designating the Allegany County Soil & Water Conservation district as the Chairman of the Genesee River Watershed Coalition of Conservation Districts. **Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- k. **Savings Accounts for AGNPS Round 25 –**
 - 1. **Wellsville Water Supply Protection 2020-03 Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
 - 2. **Black Creek Manure Storages 2020-04 Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
 - 3. **Cryder Creek Grazing System 2020-05 Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
 - 4. **Rushford Lake 2020-06 Approved (Cygan – Hopkins)**
- l. **Savings Account for Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program Grant –**
 - 1. Genesee River Watershed Streambank Erosion Remediation Project and Van Campen Creek Stabilization - 2020-07 **Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
- m. **Genesee River Watershed Coalition Resolution; Professional Services Agreement with Genesee County SWCD and Monroe County SWCD 2020-08 – Approved (Graves – Cygan)**

8. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, February 18, at 5:30pm.** – Karl will not be able to attend.

9. Correspondence

- a. **NYACD Newsletter**

10. Adjournment - 6:36pm Approved (Graves - Hopkins)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman