

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – June 15,2021
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner – NRCS - Absent

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Minutes of May 17, 2021 Approved (Graves - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Hopkins - Cygan)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS - No Report
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached
 - d. Executive Director
 - Program Updates:
 - Round 21
 - Rushford Lake – I have sent an updated copy of the closeout to Vic. The state wants the grant closed out by July 1, 2021.
 - Round 24
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Round 25
 - Black Creek Manure Storages
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Cryder Creek Grazing System
 - Looking to start in the fall.
 - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 - D&R Farm is soliciting bids for their project. They are hoping to construct the barn in July and August.
 - Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Round 26
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Round 27
 - We are working on multiple grant applications.
 - FL-LOWPA
 - 18-19 FL-LOWPA projects are complete. We are working on the closeout.
 - AEM

- Kim Shaklee has gotten bids for his fencing project. James Brothers Farm is planning on doing their project once corn planting and hay harvest are complete.
- Southern Tier Program
 - Tiffany is working on putting closeouts together.
- FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek – we are currently working on designs.
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Belfast River Stabilization
 - I have sent our contract and bid changes back to the county attorney for his review.
 - We are waiting to hear back from FEMA to see if our grant extension has been approved.
- CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Barney Farms plans to start their bedded pack barn anytime. They have been approved for EQIP funding for their liquid manure storage. This will offset the match that they are required to provide. The storage will likely be constructed in 2022.
 - Val Dale Farms has been approved for EQIP funding for their liquid manure storage. Due to the time frame of getting the funding and project going it will likely be 2022 before this project is complete.
- WQIP Grants
 - We are continuing to work on the planning grants for Van Campen Creek, Philips Creek and Black Creek. We applied for an extension of these grants.
 - We are working on applications for Round 11 of the WQIP grant program.
- 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
 - We have received our final payment and the grant is closed out.
- Technical Assistance
 - Leonard has been assisting the Town of Angelica with some mine permit issues.
 - We submitted an application to the DEC for access to their roads to log Rattlesnake Hill. We are waiting final approval.
 - Leonard is assisting the DEC with the replacement of a water control structure on State land on Rattlesnake Hill.
 - We are requesting permission to put the Rattlesnake Hill timber out to bid at June’s Resource Management Committee meeting.

- Scott Alsworth is continuing to mark trees on the Dixon and C. Horner Lots.

5. Old Business

- a. **County Budget – Scott met with Karissa Knapp, the County Administrator, to request level funding for each year of a new contract with the County. Karissa agreed to level funding. We will now submit that to the Resource Management Committee for approval.**

6. New Business

- a. **Truck Purchase – SWCD is requesting permission to get bids to purchase a new truck. We have been buying a truck each year to replace one every three years, providing our budget with the County goes through. Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- b. **Website – Requesting permission to hire someone to create a new professional website. The website we have now is very dated, and can no longer be edited, which we need to do monthly to post the meeting agenda and minutes. We currently have a price from Duell Design. The board is requesting getting more prices from different companies to have something to compare it to. After getting more pricing, it is approved to move ahead with the website. Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
- c. **Approval of extension request for the following CAFO Waste Storage Projects**
 - 1. **Val Dale Farm – worried that it may not be totally complete before the contract expires**
 - 2. **Barney Farm**
 - 3. **Bainbridge Farm, LLC**
Approved (Ormsby – Cygan)
- d. **AGNPS Round 27 - Requesting permission to apply for AGNPS Round 27 funding for following Resolutions:**
 - 1. **2021-03 Wellsville Water Supply Protection - Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
 - 2. **2021-04 Scio Water Supply Protection - Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
 - 3. **2021-05 Van Campen Creek BMP's - Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
 - 4. **2021-06 Chenunda Creek BMP's – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
 - 5. **2021-07 Sixtown Creek Farm Manure Storage – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
 - 6. **2021-08 Hinz-Bos Holsteins Grazing System - Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
 - 7. **2021-09 Caneadea Creek Manure Storage – Approved (Graves – Cygan)**
- e. **2024 National Envirothon Funding Support Request – New York State will be hosting the National Envirothon in 2024. The NYSCDEA NYS Envirothon Committee is requesting support from all New York State Soil & Water Conservation Districts in the form of a \$3,000.00 donation. Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, July 20, at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:01 pm Approved (Cygan - Graves)

Secretary to Board

Chairman