

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – November 17, 2020
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers, FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:39 pm
2. **Minutes of October 20, 2020 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – See attached
 - b. FSA – See attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – No report
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - Round 21
 - Rushford Lake – closeout will be submitted next week
 - Wellsville Water Supply – Initial closeout was sent to Vic, I am working on the needed changes after his review.
 - Round 24
 - Cody Pomeroy has started his barn project.
 - Round 25
 - Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. We are supposed to receive some of this grant money in the next 30 days.
 - Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Project to be started late 2021
 - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. Jones Beef Farm has begun working on their bedded pack barn.
 - Wellsville Water Supply Protection
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 - FL_LOWPA
 - The 2020-21 Workplan was submitted to FL-LOWPA on 11/9/2020.
 - Meehan Farm looks like they are close to finishing their diversion ditch.
 - AEM
 - We are working on our AEM 5 Year Strategic Plan. This is due December 31, 2020.

- Southern Tier Program
 - No changes in the last month.
 - FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek – we are currently working on designs.
 - Belfast River Stabilization
 1. We received permit approval from the Army Corps of Engineers on 11/16/20. We are working on the bid packet.
 - The 2 letters of intent for hazard mitigation projects for NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for grant funding that we submitted have been accepted. The full application is due February 3, 2021.
 1. Philips Creek Stabilization – \$200,000 to stabilize the streambank area around the Village of Belmont’s sewer lift station.
 2. East River Road - \$400,000 to stabilize the Genesee River bank along East Road in the Town of Caneadea.
 - CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Barney Farms has decided to postpone their project until 2021. They are concerned about COVID shutdowns and its impact on the milk prices this winter.
 - Ponderosa Farm – we are working on the closeout
 - WQIP Grants
 - We are working on the planning grants for Van Campen Creek, Philips Creek and Black Creek.
 - EPA-GLRI Grant
 - Projects have now all been completed.
 - We will begin the closeout work in December or January.
 - 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 were able to submit for the personnel time that was performed for this grant. This will be a reimbursement of \$15,500 which we did not plan on.
 - 2021 Part B Grant – D&R Farm Fencing
 - We were awarded a \$6,000 grant to install 2,000’ of fencing along Caneadea Creek in the Town of Rushford. This will prevent 30 cows from having access to the Creek and reduce streambank erosion upstream of Rushford Lake.
2. Technical Assistance
- Kyle and Leonard worked on stream permits for the Towns of Angelica, Caneadea and Belfast.
 - The Travis Lot timber harvest is complete. The timber company that bought the logs is hoping to start the cleanup yet this fall. The County DPW is going to take the left-over wood from the landing to burn in their shops.
 - The no-till seeder was used to plant annual grains and hay seedings on 677 acres in 2020. This seeder allowed farmers to plant their crops without plowing and fitting the fields

first. This resulted in farms reducing fuel, labor and equipment costs while also reducing soil erosion.

5. Old Business

- a. Farmland Protection Plan – Match for planning grant – Scott talked to Karissa at the county. Karissa mentioned that the county may be able to find funds to help with the match for the grant.

6. New Business

- a. **2021 Budget – Approved (Cygan - Graves)**
- b. **CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer 1 Year Extension– Lismore Dairy - Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
- c. **CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer 1 Year Extension – Hillcrest Homestead – Approved (Cygan – Graves)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: December 15, 2020 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:10 pm Approved (Graves – Ormsby)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman