

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 19, 2022
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Samuel Mietkowski, Farm Bureau - Absent
Kevin (Fred) Demick, Legislator
Adam Cyr, Legislator
Josh Ormsby, Grange - Absent

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Victor DiGiacomo

1. **Call to Order: 5:44 pm**
2. **Minutes of March 17, 2022 Approved (Cyr- Demick)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cyr - Demick)**
 - 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 –
 1. Round 24
 - a. The one-year extension has been approved.
 2. Round 25
 - a. Black Creek Manure Storages
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - b. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 - i. Planning on installing the well for the water system this year.
 - c. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 - i. Rushford Land and Cattle Company sold the land that they were going to install their pasture system on. We are working with them to develop an alternative site.
 - d. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 3. Round 26
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 4. Round 27
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 5. Round 28
 - a. We are working on 6 grant applications. Resolutions will need to be approved tonight.

- i. Nickerson Farm Manure Storage – applying for a bedded pack barn and 300 acres of cover crops.
 - ii. Chenunda Creek BMPs – Barney Farm – applying for a concrete pad for their ag bag feed storage and 150 acres of cover crops.
 - iii. Van Campen Creek – Pierce Farm is applying for a bedded pack barn. Joe Bolzan is applying for a bedded pack barn (we are still waiting for confirmation from Joe).
 - iv. Hinz-Bos Holsteins Manure Storage – applying for a bedded pack barn and rotational grazing system.
 - v. Lost Valley Farm BMPs – applying for a bedded pack barn and 300 acres of cover crops.
 - vi. Mitchell Farm Grazing System – applying to convert cropland to a rotational grazing system.
- 6. Climate Resilient Farming Grant Program –
 - a. The due date for applications was changed to May 16, 2022.
- 7. FL-LOWPA
 - a. Claybed Farm Fencing – applying for \$10,200 to redo fencing on a pasture
 - b. Pomeroy Farm Fencing – applying for \$5,000 to install fencing on exiting cropland
- 8. AEM
 - a. Proposed AEM Projects
 - i. Lost Valley Farm - \$50,000 for a covered feed area for their beef animals
 - ii. Pierce Farm - \$50,000 for a bedded pack barn
- 9. Southern Tier Program
 - a. We have 4 closeouts almost ready to submit. Once we have some free time, we will finish those and submit.
- 10. FEMA
 - a. Van Campen Creek –
 - i. Our extension has been approved.
 - b. Belfast River Stabilization
 - i. Our extension request has been denied. We are working with the State Emergency Management Office to write a second appeal letter.
 - ii. There are 3 more FEMA grant opportunities due June 1, 2022, that we are looking into applying for.
- 11. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - a. Barney Farm is tentatively set to start their manure storage in June or July.
 - ii. Val Dale Farm has completed the bidding process and is waiting for the contractor start date.
 - iii. Lismore Dairy is getting things lined up to complete their project this summer.
 - e. WQIP Grants
 - a. The Town of Independence has started constructing their salt storage barn.

2. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - a. Designs are complete for both Van Campen Creek Projects and will be completed this summer.
 3. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - a. The Bainbridge Farm streambank stabilization project will be completed once the trout stream restrictions are lifted at the end of May.
 4. Part B
 - a. No changes in the last month.
 5. Part C
 - a. No changes in the last month.
- ii. Technical Assistance
1. The Village of Andover has requested assistance with streambank erosion threatening a road in the Village.
 2. The County DPW has requested some assistance with the landslide issues on County Road 48 by the County Landfill. We have a meeting with the County on 4/21/2022.
 3. We have had multiple requests from landowners for assistance with stream erosion issues.
 4. We have provided permits for FEMA projects for the Towns of Amity, Genesee and West Almond.

5. Old Business

- a. **Truck Sale/Purchase – Requesting advice on how to sell the truck that is being replaced, Local bid, sealed bid, or auction. Board members would like to sell to be by sealed bid. Also requesting permission to get another truck ordered now, as it is taking quite a long time to get the ordered trucks right now. Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- b. **Employee Changes –**
 1. **Approval of the creation of a new District Technician position – Requesting approval to create a new District Technician position. Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
 2. **Approval of new hire – We have an applicant with a background in forestry and environmental services. She will be taking over a large portion of Kyle’s duties as district technician. She will be working on streams and public assistance, county forest management, education (Envirothon), and Ag planning. She will be starting May 16, 2022 at \$20.00/hr. Resolution 2022-12 Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
 3. **Changing Kyle’s responsibilities and raise associated with change - Kyle will be doing all of the management of the AEM program now, and will still assisting with streams, permits, etc. Requesting permission to raise Kyle’s hourly wage to \$25.00/hr to compensate for the new responsibilities he will be doing. Approved (Cyr – Demick)**

6. New Business

- a. **New York State Budget – The budget has passed, and has approved \$400 million in EPF. Increases are as follows:**

1. **SWCD's – \$3.5 million**
2. **AGNPS - \$2 million**
3. **CRF - \$12.25 million**
4. **FLLOWPA - \$200 thousand**
5. **LEWPA – Level funding**
6. **WQIP - \$4 million**
7. **Oceans & Great Lakes - \$4 million**
8. **Farmland Protection - \$3 million**
- b. **Resolution 2022-05 –AGNPS Round 28 – Nickerson Farm Manure Storage- Bedded packbarn and 300 acres of cover crops - Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
- c. **Resolution 2022-06 –AGNPS Round 28 – Chenunda Creek BMP's – Concrete pad for ag bag feed storage and 150 acres of cover crops- Approved (Cyr - Demick)**
- d. **Resolution 2022-07 – AGNPS Round 28 – Van Campen Creek BMP's – Pierce Farm – bedded pack barn. Bolzan – bedded pack barn (we are still waiting for confirmation from Joe) - Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- e. **Resolution 2022-08 – AGNPS Round 28 – Hinz-Bos Holsteins Manure Storage bedded pack barn and rotational grazing system – Approved (Cyr – Demick)**
- f. **Resolution 2022-09 – AGNPS Round 28 – Lost Valley Farm BMP's – bedded pack barn and 300 acres of cover crops - Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- g. **Resolution 2022-10 – AGNPS Round 28 – Mitchell Farm Grazing System – converting cropland to a rotational grazing system - Approved (Cyr – Demick)**
- h. **Resolution 2022-11 – AEM Year 17 - Requesting permission to submit action plans for AEM Year 17 funding – Approved (Demick, Cyr)**
- i. **FL-LOWPA – Claybed Farm Fencing Project – applying for \$10,300.00 to redo fencing on a pasture – Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- j. **FL-LOWPA – Pomeroy Farm Fencing Project – applying for \$5,000.00 to install fencing on existing cropland – Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- k. **Purchase of new survey equipment – Requesting permission to purchase new GPS surveying equipment, for around the price of \$31,000.00. A motion was made to approve purchase not to exceed \$31,000.00 – Approved (Cyr – Demick)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, May 17, 2022 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment – 6:33 pm Approved (Demick - Cyr)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman