

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 21,2021  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir  
Tiffany McCumiskey – Houghton, NY

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of November 16, 2021 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Hopkins - Graves)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - a. NRCS – COVID-19 office update: Mask mandate for employees. Now limited to **25%** capacity for employees, no visitors (some exceptions with appointment).  
**EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) – Including GLRI**
    - Will be assessing and ranking new 2022 applications in January-February  
**CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**
    - Completed 4 CSP Agland renewal contracts in Allegany, 2049.6 ac total, \$172,163 over 5 years (2022-2026)
      - b. FSA – See Attached
      - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – See Attached
      - d. Executive Director –
      - e. Program Updates:
        1. Round 24
          - a. No changes in the last month.
        2. Round 25
          - a. Black Creek Manure Storages
            - i. No changes in the last month.
          - b. Cryder Creek Grazing System
            - i. No changes in the last month.
          - c. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
            - i. Jones Beef Farm is continuing to work on their pack barn.
          - d. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
            - i. Fanton Farm has completed concrete work and will begin the roof once their trusses are built.
        3. Round 26
          - a. No changes in the last month.
        4. Round 27
          - a. We were awarded the following grant:

<b>Project</b>	<b>State Amount</b>	<b>Landowner Amount</b>	<b>SWCD Amount From Grant</b>	<b>SWCD Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mayline Farm Grazing System	\$117,700.00	\$51,700.00	\$12,340.00	\$1,000.00	\$182,740.00

5. FL-LOWPA

- a. We have submitted our initial request of \$97,200 in funding for fiscal year 2022-2023.
- b. Gail Hoffman has completed her erosion control project.

6. AEM

- a. We were awarded \$330,000 for Round 17. This will be for 2022 and 2023. \$220,000 will be for planning projects with farms. \$100,000 will be for project implementation on farms. \$10,000 will be used to soil sample fields for farms. This information used to assist them with managing the manure and fertilizer used on their farms.
- b. James Farm has completed their barnyard project.

7. Southern Tier Program

- a. We have 3 more projects ready to submit, just need a few signatures.

8. FEMA

- a. Van Campen Creek –
  - i. We have not heard anything on the extension.

9. Belfast River Stabilization

- a. We have not heard anything on the extension.
- b. Lee James was going to reach out to her contacts to see if she could help move this along.

10. CAFO Waste Storage Grant

- a. Barney Farm has started work on the manure transfer portion of their project.
- b. We are in the process of completing the design for Lismore Dairy's manure storage.

11. WQIP Grants

- a. We were awarded 3 planning grants:

<b>Project</b>	<b>State Amount</b>	<b>Landowner Amount</b>	<b>SWCD Amount From Grant</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Caneadea Creek Stabilization Plan			\$30,000.00	\$3,790.03	\$33,790.03
Dyke Creek Stabilization Plan			\$30,000.00	\$5,178.18	\$35,178.18
Genesee River Stabilization Plan			\$30,000.00	\$4,413.84	\$34,413.84
			\$90,000.00	\$13,382.05	\$103,382.05

12. EPA-GLRI Grant

- a. We have submitted all requested closeout documents.
- b. We are owed \$10,000 for our time spent on the grant.

- 13. Great Lakes Commission
  - a. We are working on designs.
- 14. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
  - a. No changes in the last month.
- 15. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
  - a. No changes in the last month.
- 16. Part B
  - a. The 2021 project has been completed.
- 17. Part C
  - a. Clark Farm is close to completing their manure storage project.
- f. Technical Assistance
  - 1. We are working on the Ag District #2 renewal. The report will be completed for approval at January's Resource Management Meeting.
  - 2. We assisted the Village of Andover with a streambank stabilization project.
  - 3. Leonard and Kyle have worked with numerous landowners with stream permits and projects.

**5. Old Business**

- a. **AEM Position – Scott Alsworth submitted his letter of resignation on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The HR Dept at the county posted the job and we have hired Colin Bainbridge for the AEM position. There was only one applicant, and we didn't want to miss out on the opportunity to hire someone. Colin starts January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
- b. **FL-LOWPA – Hanes Farm Fencing Project – A couple months ago we awarded the project with \$10,000.00, after talking to Nate a couple weeks ago, the contractor came out with a higher price so we would like to bump the award up to \$15,000.00 for the project. Approved (Graves – Ormsby)**
- c. **AEM Base Program 17 Award Letter**
- d. **FL-LOWPA 2021-22 Contract Approval – Needing approval for Scott to sign the contract for the next round of funding for \$89,000.00 - Approved (Ormsby – Graves)**

**6. New Business**

- a. **No Till Drill – This was originally purchased through a grant with the Genesee River Coalition of Conservation Districts. When we rent it out, we send the payments to Monroe County, who is the financial bookkeeper for the coalition, if there are repairs, we pay for the repairs and get reimbursed by them. We are the only county using this no till drill, and at the last meeting they talked about giving us the drill and we would manage it ourselves. This will be decided at the next Genesee River Coalition Board Meeting.**

**7. Announcements**

- i. **Next Board Meeting, January 18, 2022 at 5:30pm.**

**8. Correspondence**

- a. **NYACD Newsletter**

**9. Adjournment - 5:52 pm Approved (Graves)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman