

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 17, 2022
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order: 5:31 pm**
2. **Minutes of February 15, 2022 Approved (Mietkowski - Demick)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Cyr)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – See attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - a. Round 24
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - b. Round 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. The design for Jeff Heitman’s bedded pack barn is complete. Jeff is working on getting bids for the project.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 26
 - i. Our contract has been approved. We have submitted a voucher for the initial 25% of the grant.
 - d. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - e. Round 28
 - i. We are working on grant applications
 - f. Climate Resilient Farming Grant Program –

- i. We are working on a grant application.
 - g. FL-LOWPA
 - i. We have 2 projects that we are working on plans for and will have for approval at our April meeting.
 - h. AEM
 - i. Closeout documents were submitted on February 28, 2022. We submitted our final closeout voucher.
 - i. Southern Tier Program
 - i. We had one more closeout approved. We have 6 more to complete.
 - j. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek –
 - 1. Our extension has been approved.
 - ii. Belfast River Stabilization
 - 1. We have not heard anything on the extension.
 - k. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Barney Farm has completed their bid process and are waiting on a date to begin construction of their concrete manure storage.
 - ii. We are in the process of completing the design for Lismore Dairy's manure storage.
 - l. WQIP Grants
 - i. The Town of Independence plans on starting their salt storage project in the next month.
 - 1. The Town of Angelica has approached us about applying for funding for a salt storage structure.
 - m. Great Lakes Commission
 - i. We are working on designs.
 - n. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - o. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - p. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - q. Part C
 - i. We awarded \$122,005.26 for our completed Performance Measures in 2021.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Leonard and Kyle had several calls they responded to after the flooding events in February.

5. Old Business

- a. **AEM Technician Position – Colin has resigned as AEM Planner/Technician. He has decided to relocate out of the area. We have been advertising on indeed.com and also the county website for a new employee. We have no applicants as of today.**

- b. **2021 Performance Measures Award Letter – We met our standards for the 2021 Part C Performance Measures and have been awarded \$122,005.26.**

6. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2022-03 – Climate Resilient Farming – Hurlbut Farm – Converting from tillage practices to no tillage practices for Cover Crops - Approved (Mietkowski – Cyr)**
- b. **Resolution 2022-04 – Climate Resilient Farming – Hillcrest Homestead Farm – Streambank stabilization project Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, April 19, 2022 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 5:54 pm Approved (Cyr - Demick)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman