

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – November 16,2021
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 – Fillmore, NY

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey – Houghton, NY

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers - FSA

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm
2. **Minutes of October 19, 2021 Approved (Graves - Cygan)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Graves - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
 - c. 2020 Annual Audit – Audit committee found the financial documents to be in good order.
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS –
COVID-19 office update: Mask mandate for employees and visitors. Limited to 50% capacity for employees. USDA Service Centers are able to have customers in the office with scheduled appointments.
EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) – Including GLRI
 - 2022 EQIP first round funding cutoff date was Nov. 1 (26 first round applications in Allegany)**CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**
 - Currently working on completing 2021 annual payments for all active CSP contracts
 - Ranked and assessed 4 CSP renewal applications in Allegany (for CSP contracts that are going to expire 12/31/2021)
 - b. FSA – See Attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo – Division of Land and Water Resources – See Attached
 - d. Executive Director – Program Updates:
 - Round 24
 - Cody Pomeroy has completed his pack barn.
 - Round 25
 - Black Creek Manure Storages
 - No changes in the last month.
 - Cryder Creek Grazing System
 - Scheduled to begin in 2022
 - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 - Jones Beef Farm is continuing to work on their pack barn.
 - Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 - Fanton Farm has partially completed their pack barn.
 - Round 26
 - No changes in the last month.

- Round 27
 - No changes in the last month.
- FL-LOWPA
 - No changes in the last month.
- AEM
 - Joe McMahon has completed his fencing project.
 - Kim Shaklee has completed his fencing project.
 - James Farm is working on their barnyard project.
- Southern Tier Program
 - We submitted 2 projects for closeout. The State requested more information for those projects.
 - Several are close to being ready to submit
- FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek – survey has been complete.
 - Belfast River Stabilization
 - We have not heard anything on the extension.
- CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Lismore Dairy – We have completed the survey for the storage site.
- WQIP Grants
 - We are completed the survey of all 3 sites.
 - Town of Granger would like to start their salt barn project this winter.
- EPA-GLRI Grant
 - We are working on the closeout which is due December 31, 2021.
- Great Lakes Commission
 - This site has been surveyed.
- Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - No changes in the last month.
- Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - We had planned on applying for this grant. But due to current work levels we are not applying for this.
- Walbridge Road Habitat Restoration Project
 - Closeout has been complete.
- Part B
 - We were awarded \$6,000 for updating the County Forest Plan in 2022.
- Part C
 - Clark Farm is close to completing their manure storage project.
- Technical Assistance
 - We are working on the Ag District #2 renewal.
 - The Travis Lot timber sale contract has expired and the timber company has not completed the cleanup. I have reached out to the County Administrator and County Attorney to see how they would like to proceed.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **AEM Planner Position – Scott Alsworth has decided to move to Oklahoma. He is in the process of getting his affairs in order, trying to sell his house. He does not have a definitive date for leaving yet. Scott is requesting permission to actively start looking to fill his position due to the fact that it may be a difficult and lengthy process. Approved (Cygan – Graves)**
7. **Executive Session – Graves made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person, seconded by Hopkins. A motion was made to move out of executive session by Cygan, seconded by Graves. The Executive Session lasted 6 minutes.**
8. **Announcements**
 - i. **Next Board Meeting, December 21, 2021 at 5:30pm.**
9. **Correspondence**
10. **Adjournment - 6:03 pm Approved (Cygan - Graves)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman