

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 19,2021
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order: 5:33 pm**
2. **Minutes of September 21, 2021 Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Hopkins - Graves)**
 - 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 – No Report
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - a. Round 24
 - i. Cody Pomeroy is continuing to work on the construction of his pack barn.
 - b. Round 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 - i. Scheduled to begin in 2022
 - d. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 - i. Jones Beef Farm is continuing to work on their pack barn.
 - e. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 - i. Fanton Farm has completed the site work and is planning on having the concrete work and part of the structure complete by the end of the month.
 - ii. Beech Hill Cattle Farms, LLC has planted their 100 acres of cover crops.
 - f. Round 26
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - g. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.

- h. FL-LOWPA
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- i. AEM
 - i. Lost Valley Farm has completed 70 acres of cover crops
 - ii. Behen Farm has completed 100 acres of cover crops
 - iii. RAW Farms, LLC has completed 100 acres of cover crops
 - iv. Bainbridge Farm, LLC has completed 100 acres of cover crops
 - v. Barney Farm has completed 30 acres of cover crops
 - vi. Meehan Farm has completed 60 acres of cover crops
 - vii. Gerry Snyder has completed his pasture project with the installation of a water system and fencing.
 - viii. Joe McMahon is waiting for the fencing contractor to show up. They are having issues getting fence posts.
 - ix. James Farm is working on their barnyard project.
- j. Southern Tier Program
 - i. No changes in the last month
- k. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – did a site review to look at any damage from recent storms.
- l. Belfast River Stabilization
 - i. More information was requested for the extension appeal. I submitted this information on October 7, 2021.
- m. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- n. WQIP Grants
 - i. We are continuing to work on the planning grants for Van Campen Creek, Philips Creek and Black Creek.
 - ii. Town of Granger would like to start their salt barn project this winter.
- o. EPA-GLRI Grant
 - i. Closeout is due December 31, 2021.
- p. Great Lakes Commission
 - i. Met with Jeff Baker about the stream stabilization project at his farm. We are looking to start this project in the early spring.
- q. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- r. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - i. We had planned on applying for this grant. But due to current work levels we are not applying for this.
- s. Walbridge Road Habitat Restoration Project
 - i. The Town of Granger has completed this project.
- t. Part B
 - i. The State approved the change in project for the 2021 funding.

- u. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.

2. Technical Assistance

- a. The temporary repair to the Dyke Creek flood control structure in the Town of Wellsville has been completed.
- b. The August 18-19 storm event has been declared a FEMA disaster. We anticipate assisting some Towns with this process.
- c. We are working on the Ag District #2 renewal.

5. **Old Business**

6. **New Business**

- a. **2022 Part B Request – We are requesting the \$6,000.00 Part B funds to update the County Forest 10 Year Management Plan, which needs to be submitted by November 1. Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- b. **Round 17 AEM Action Plan – We are requesting the full \$230,000.00 to provide technical assistance and conduct supporting activities. \$10,000.00 of that money goes toward soil nutrient tests, manure/compost nutrient tests, and soil health tests. Approved (Graves – Hopkins)**
- c. **Resolution 2021-12 AEM Round 17 - Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**
- d. **2022 Plan of Work Approval - Approved (Hopkins – Graves)**
- e. **2022 Budget Proposal – Budget approved, including a 3% raise for staff. Approved (Hopkins - Graves)**

7. **Announcements**

- i. **Next Board Meeting, November 16, 2021 at 5:30pm.**

8. **Correspondence**

9. **Adjournment - 5:58 pm Approved (Graves - Hopkins)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman