

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 18, 2022
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Samuel Mietlowski, 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:** 5:38 pm
2. **Minutes of September 27, 2022 Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Mietlowski)**
 - 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. Program Updates:
 - a. Round 24
 - i. Cody Pomeroy is working on his access control system.
 - b. Round 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. D&R Farms has chosen their contractors and will be starting their storage soon.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. Beech Hill Cattle Company has completed planting 100 acres of cover crops.
 - c. Round 26
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - e. FL-LOWPA
 - i. We are working on the closeout for the 19-20 FL-LOWPA grant which is due at the end of October. We will be receiving around

- \$40,000 when the closeout is complete versus the \$25,000, we had budgeted for 2022.
- ii. We completed our FY 23-24 funding request.
 - f. AEM
 - i. Kerwin Pierce has completed his bedded pack barn.
 - ii. Kyle is working on planning for grants with several farms.
 - g. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - h. Southern Tier Program
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek –
 - 1. We are working on getting FEMA’s approval to start construction.
 - j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Barney Farm’s manure storage is complete, they are working on the transfer system now.
 - ii. Lismore Dairy’s manure storage is partially complete – liner is scheduled to be installed in the next 1-2 weeks.
 - iii. Val Dale Farm – the SHPO process has been completed and the farm can restart construction. Due to time constraints facing the contractor because of the delays encountered, we will be seeking a third extension.
 - iv. The closeout for Hillcrest Homestead has been approved.
 - k. WQIP Grants
 - i. The Town of Independence is in the process of putting their roof on their salt storage.
 - l. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - i. Van Campen Creek at Accord – this project is scheduled to start October 17 and should be completed by the November 30, 2022 deadline. This project will be completed by Benson Construction Development.
 - m. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. Part B
 - i. The change in project was approved by the State. The landowner plans to start the project soon.
 - o. Part C
 - i. M&J Dairy has completed their manure transfer project.
 - ii. Emily is continuing to update the County Forest Plan.
 - 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. The stabilization project on Dyke Creek in the Town of Wellsville has been completed.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **Hoffman Farm Erosion Control Project - \$5000 from FL-LOWPA – Requesting approval to use \$5000 of FL-LOWPA funding to fix field erosion issues – Approved (Cyr – Mietlowksi)**
- b. **Val Dale Farm CAFO Waste Storage Extension Request – Requesting approval for 9- 12 month extension request due to numerous issues the family has encountered during the building of Waste Storage System. – Approved (Ormsby – Mietlowski)**
- c. **2023 Plan of Work – Approved (Ormsby – Mietlowksi)**
- d. **2023 Part B Project Approval – Requesting approval to use 2023 Part B funding to stabilize streambank erosion on Rob Chamberlain’s property – Approved (Mietlowksi – Demick)**
- e. **Accounting Firm Change – Requesting approval to hire a new accounting firm. The CPA that owns the company we are using now is retiring, and the person taking over the firm is not certified. We would feel more comfortable hiring another company at this point. – Approved (Cyr – Demick)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting, November 15, 2022 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment – 6:18 pm Approved (Ormsby - Cyr)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman