

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 27, 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:** 5:32 pm
2. **Minutes of August 23, 2022 Approved (Cyr - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
 - 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. Well driller is scheduled for the end of September or the first part of October
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. D&R Farms is working on getting bids for their manure storage.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 26
 - i. In the process of completing designs for Hamilton Beef Farm bedded pack barn.
 - d. Round 27
 - i. Signed contract has been sent back to the State.
 - e. FL-LOWPA
 - i. We are working on the closeout for the 19-20 FL-LOWPA grant.
 - f. AEM

- i. Kerwin Pierce plans to have his bedded pack barn completed in October.
 - ii. Kyle is working on a comprehensive nutrient management plan for Alan Davis in Friendship. Alan is looking at applying for a manure storage for his farm.
 - g. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. We were awarded \$34,062.50 of state funding for the 1 grant that we applied for.
 - h. Southern Tier Program
 - i. Completed 3 closeouts. We have 3 grant closeouts that just need signatures and 1 that needs some additional documentation.
 - 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 manure storage is partially complete.
 - ii. Lismore Dairy is working on their storage project. Leonard has spent a lot of time on the design and redesign of this project.
 - iii. Val Dale Farm – currently waiting on SHPO review.
 - iv. The closeout for RAW Farms, LLC has been approved. The farm did not complete their project due them downsizing.
 - v. The closeout for Hillcrest Homestead has been submitted and is awaiting final approval.
 - k. WQIP Grants
 - i. We have completed all the contract documents that were required for the grants approved in December 2021.
 - ii. 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 – working on getting this project started.
 - 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. We are requesting a change in the 2022 project.
 - o. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Leonard has been working with the Town of Wellsville in implementing their FEMA project for stabilization of the flood protection system on Dyke Creek.
 - b. Emily is continuing to work on updating the County Forest Management Plan.

5. Old Business

- a. **2022 Part B Project Change – We originally approved the 2022 Part B Project of \$6,000.00 for County Forest Management. We are requesting approval to change the use of Part B of \$6,000 for the Krywe Streambank Stabilization Project. The project will be the stabilization of 300’ of high erodible streambank. This will result in the prevention of the loss of approximately 500 tons of soil over the next 10 years. Approved (Cyr – Ormsby)**

6. New Business

- a. **Opening of Truck Bids – Moved to accept high bid – Approved (Demick - Mietlowski)**
 1. **High Bid - \$28,200 – Jason Thomas**
 2. **\$27,500 – Tim Hainey**
 3. **\$27,000 – Leon Sherman**
 4. **\$26,712 – Mark Emery**
 5. **\$26,500 – John Zlomek**
- b. **Climate Resilient Farming Grant Program Award Letter – We recently received the award letter for Hurlbut Farm Soil Health Project in the amount of \$34,062.50.**
- c. **ARPA Proposal Possibilities – Scott has been thinking about possible ideas to propose to the county for ARPA funds. He thought it might be useful to request money to help with stream projects throughout the county to help private landowners. There are numerous streams that have issues, which are pricey for landowners to try to fix themselves. Mr. Demick suggested requesting the funding to purchase an excavator to help the private landowners with the stream projects as opposed to funding. The other board members agreed that an excavator would be more beneficial to the communities. Scott is going to talk to members of Steuben County who run a similar program to find out the details of their program and come up with a proposal to present to the County Legislators.**

7. Announcements

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

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment – 6:33 pm Approved (Demick - Ormsby)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman