

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – February 21, 2023
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner - NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:28 pm
2. **Election of Officers**
Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman – Rodney Bennett (**Demick - Ormsby**)
Close Nominations (**Demick - Ormsby**)
Vice Chairman – Adam Cyr (**Demick - Ormsby**)
Close Nominations (**Demick - Ormsby**)
3. **Minutes of December 20, 2022 Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
4. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
5. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS –
Personnel update – Kylie Hint has transferred from NRCS Cattaraugus County and started last month.
EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)
 1. Currently assessing and ranking new 2023 applications
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - Round 24
 - Working on closeout documents.
 - Round 25
 - Black Creek Manure Storages
 - Jeff Heitman’s pack barn is partially complete.
 - Cryder Creek Grazing System
 - No changes in the last month.
 - We submitted for an extension.
 - Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2

- No changes in the last month.
 - We are working on extension documents.
- Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 - No changes in the last month.
 - We submitted for an extension.
- Round 26
 - Leonard completed the design for Hamilton Beef Farm's bedded pack barn. The farm is working on getting bids.
 - We submitted a voucher for an advanced payment of \$103,350.
- Round 27
 - We submitted a voucher for an advanced payment of \$102,060.
- Round 28
 - No changes in the last month.
- FL-LOWPA
 - Our 22-23 workplan was approved. This workplan is included in the meeting packet.
 - Daniel Fanton has completed his erosion control project.
- AEM
 - We are working on 3 comprehensive nutrient management plans and 1 pasture management plan for future grant funding.
 - Emily is working on a forest management plan for a maple producer.
- Climate Resilient Farming
 - Waiting on a contract from the State.
- Southern Tier Program
 - Submitted 3 projects for closeout. We have 1 left to complete.
- FEMA
 - Van Campen Creek –
 - Still waiting for approval from FEMA to start the next phase of the project.
 - Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 and County Road 48 Stabilization – we are still waiting to hear from FEMA if the grants were approved.
- CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - Barney Farm's manure storage – we are working on the closeout.
 - Lismore Dairy's manure storage – we are working on the closeout.
 - Val Dale Farm – no changes in the last month
 - Bainbridge Farm's contract extension has been approved. We will be working on the designs for the manure storages in the next couple of months.
- WQIP Grants
 - Leonard and Emily have been surveying the 3 sites that we received engineering money for. These sites are located on Council House Road in Caneadea, Dyke Creek in Andover and Caneadea Creek in Rushford.

- We have made the final payment to the Towns of Centerville and Independence for their salt storage facilities. These 2 grants are now complete.
 - Leonard completed the design for the Town of Amity's salt storage facility.
 - We have not heard anything yet on the grant applications that were submitted last June.
 - Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - We are working on the closeouts.
 - Part B
 - We have a proposed change for this funding for approval.
 - Part C
 - No changes in the last month.
2. Technical Assistance
- The County approved \$172,000 of the COVID 19 American Rescue Funds for the purchase of the Hyundai 145 excavator. Delivery has originally been a 6 to 8 month wait time. That timeline has been reduced and we anticipate its delivery sometime this spring. We are working with the County to develop a shared services agreement with the County. The County is also assisting us with the forms we need for doing the work on private property.
 - Emily has been painting the County Forest property lines on various lots.

6. Old Business

- a. **Part B Project Change – Requesting permission to change the Part B Project from Chamberlain Farm to Jay Dobson for 300’ of Streambank Stabilization. Due to Chamberlain’s project being where it is located, we can apply for different funding for his project. Approved (Cyr – Ormsby)**
- b. **Permission to attend Water Quality Symposium – Requesting permission for 3 employees to attend trainings at Water Quality Symposium in March. The cost is approximately \$860.00. Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**

7. New Business

- a. **Board Meeting Schedule for 2023** - Will be keeping the meetings the same, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm.
- b. **Designation of Depositories** – Community Bank, NA – **Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- c. **Designation of Signatory Authority Banking Purposes** – Will be left with Bennett, Demick and Torrey having signatory authority. – **Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- d. **Appointment of Audit Committee** – Bennett and Cyr will be new Audit Committee – **Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
- e. **Designation of Official Newspaper** – The Cuba Patriot and Alfred Sun– **Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
- f. **Resolution 2023-01 – Approval to sign the 2022-2023 FL-LOWPA Contract – Approved (Cyr - Ormsby)**

- g. **Resolution 2023-02 – Resolution to create a savings account for the new Stream Program – Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
- h. **Round 25 Black Creek Contract Extension Request– Requesting approval for Scott to request extension for contract - Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
- i. **Annual Reports - added to meeting for informational purposes**
- j. **Server update – Requesting permission to upgrade server that is approximately 12 years old. Approximate cost should not exceed \$2500.00. - Approved (Cyr - Davis)**

8. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: March 21, 2023 at 5:30pm.**

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment - 6:05pm Approved (Cyr - Demick)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman