

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 25, 2023  
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48  
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir  
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Derek Zerkowski - NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:41 pm
2. **Minutes of March 21, 2023 - Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - a. NRCS – Derek, who is filling in for Ben, gave an update on there programs going on. EQIP – funded 11 projects, Conservation Stewardship Program – 3 preapproved projects, Conservation Reserve program – 6 or 7 projects. They are doing a lot of contract implementation from previous projects. They are currently looking to fill a secretarial position in their office. Val Dale Farm has installed their liner for their project and Barneys have completed their asbuilts on their project except for the seeding and mulch.
  - 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. Working on closeout documents.
      - b. Round 25
        - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
          1. Jeff Heitman’s pack barn is partially complete.
          2. An extension request has been submitted.
        - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
          1. No changes in the last month.
          2. Extension request has been approved.
        - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
          1. No changes in the last month.
          2. An extension request has been submitted.
        - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
          1. No changes in the last month.

- 2. Extension request has been approved.
- c. Round 26
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- d. Round 27
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- e. Round 28
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- f. FL-LOWPA
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- g. AEM
  - i. We are continuing to work on planning for the next rounds of State grant funding.
- h. Climate Resilient Farming
  - i. Waiting for a contract from the State.
- i. Southern Tier Program
  - i. The last closeout has been submitted for approval.
- j. FEMA
  - i. Van Campen Creek –
    - 1. FEMA has requested more information for this project.
  - ii. 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.
- k. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
  - i. Barney Farm’s manure storage – we are working on the closeout.
  - ii. Lismore Dairy’s manure storage – we are working on the closeout.
  - iii. Val Dale Farm – no changes in the last month
  - iv. Bainbridge Farm - no changes in the last month.
- l. WQIP Grants
  - i. We were awarded \$270,000 of Water Quality Improvement Grant Project (WQIP) funding to construct a salt storage for the Town of Angelica. Total project cost is estimated at \$405,000.
  - ii. We were awarded \$30,000 of WQIP funding to complete a streambank stabilization survey and engineering design plan to stabilize an eroding streambank on the Genesee River to the west of the County Landfill and County Road 48.
  - iii. We were awarded \$30,000 of WQIP funding to complete a streambank stabilization survey and engineering design plan to stabilize an eroding streambank on the Genesee River to west of East River Road in the Town of Caneadea.
  - iv. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
  - v. Closeout documents have been submitted.

vi. We have been contacted by the Towns of Belfast, New Hudson and Willing about applying for salt storage grant funding this summer.

m. Part B

i. No changes in the last month.

n. Part C

i. We were awarded \$181,746.76 for Part C Performance measures. This was the full amount awarded.

2. Technical Assistance

a. Emily is working on the final edits for the County Forest Management Plan Update.

**5. Old Business**

a. **Computer Network update additional work – We are looking to upgrade the office wifi, to increase functionality throughout the office building. We received an estimate in the amount of \$1,500-\$1,600.00. – Approved (Cyr – Demick)**

**6. New Business**

a. **Opening of truck bids - Moved to accept high bid – Approved (Demick - Cyr)**

**1. High Bid - \$37,508 – Kevin Laforge**

**2. \$37,450 – Jeff Tracy**

**3. \$35,001 – Bob Ruth Ford**

**4. \$35,000 – Kightlinger Motors**

**5. \$34,201 – John Zlomek**

**6. \$32,750 – Jake Johnston**

**7. \$30,950 – Andy Freeman**

**8. \$29,245 – Mark Emery**

**9. \$29,000 – Bob Gleason**

**10. \$28,747 – Jason Thomas**

**7. Announcements**

i. **Next Board Meeting: May 16, 2023 at 5:30pm.**

**8. Correspondence**

**9. Adjournment - 6:24pm Approved (Cyr - Demick)**

---

Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

---

Rodney Bennett  
Chairman