

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 16, 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 - Absent

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Minutes of April 25, 2023 - Approved (Cyr - Demick)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Davis)**
  - 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
    1. District Law Training
  - d. Executive Director –
    1. Program Updates:
      - a. Round 24
        - i. Working on closeout documents.
      - b. Round 25
        - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
          1. The contractor has started working again at Jeff Heitman’s.
        - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
          1. Farm is working on getting quotes for fencing.
        - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
          1. The contractor has started work again on the manure storage at D&R Farm.
        - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
          1. No changes in the last month.
      - c. Round 26
        - i. Eric Hamilton has started the earth work for his project. Construction of the bedded pack barn is scheduled to start in June or July.
      - d. Round 27

- i. No changes in the last month.
- e. Round 28
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- f. Round 29
  - i. There is \$13.5 million available to support agricultural water quality conservation projects Applications are due June 26, 2023.
- g. FL-LOWPA
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- h. AEM
  - i. We are continuing to work on planning for the next rounds of State grant funding.
  - ii. Kyle and Emily have been soil sampling for various farms in the County.
- i. Climate Resilient Farming
  - i. Waiting for a contract from the State for the Round 6 project.
  - ii. There is \$15 million available to support agricultural projects and related equipment purchases that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help agricultural producers prepare for and better manage impacts of climate change, including increased heavy storm events, overall rainfall, and periods of drought. Applications are due August 7, 2023.
- j. Southern Tier Program
  - i. Closeout has been approved. Due to one project not being completed, we are sending \$37,431.01 back to the State. We made \$138,779.33 on this grant.
- k. FEMA
  - i. Van Campen Creek –
    - 1. We submitted more information to FEMA 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.
- l. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
  - i. Barney Farm’s manure storage – closeout should be submitted this week.
  - ii. Lismore Dairy’s manure storage – we are working on the closeout.
  - iii. Val Dale Farm – the farm has begun finishing their project.
  - iv. Bainbridge Farm – doing survey and design work.
- m. WQIP Grants
  - i. Finishing design work for 3 planning grants.
- n. Part B
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- o. Part C

i. Emily has completed updating the County Forest Management Plan. Part C funding was used to cover our expenses for a total of \$38,780.00.

2. Technical Assistance

a. The excavator has been delivered. We are working through some permitting issues. We are also waiting for the shared services agreement from the County. We have paid for the excavator, waiting for the County to reimburse us.

5. **Old Business**

6. **New Business**

1. **2021-22 FL-LOWPA – Harold Mitchell Fencing Project – Looking for approval for funding to install approximately 7,200’ of high tensile fence for his beef herd. Grant funding cost is \$15,000.00 – Approved (Ormsby – Davis)**
2. **Resolution 2023-05 – Creating a Savings Account for the No Till Drill – Approved (Cyr – Demick)**
3. **2021-22 FL-LOWPA - Rob Chamberlain Fencing Project – Looking for approval for funding to install approximately 6,400’ of fencing to create a 5-paddock system for rotational grazing. He will also install a spring development for watering the animals. Total grant funding requested is \$15,000. – Approved (Demick – Cyr)**

7. **Announcements**

i. **Next Board Meeting: June 20, 2023 at 5:30pm.**

8. **Correspondence**

9. **Adjournment - 6:26 pm Approved (Cyr - Demick)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman