

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – June 20, 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

Nicole Ayers – FSA
Derek Zerkowski - NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:46 pm
2. **Minutes of May 16, 2023 - Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Davis - Demick)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Derek had nothing new to share, just reiterated what he shared at the April meeting for those that weren’t in attendance.
 - b. FSA – See attached
 - 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 is waiting on the contractor to complete the concrete for his bedded pack barn.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Farm is working on getting quotes for fencing.
 2. We met with the NRCS to finalize the water system layout.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. D&R Farm – the contractor has started the concrete work on the manure storage.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 26
 - i. Eric Hamilton – contractor is starting the bedded pack barn soon.

- d. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- e. Round 28
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- f. Round 29
 - i. We are working on 6 grant applications. Resolutions will need to be approved tonight.
 1. Canisteo River Manure Storages – Dobson Farm is applying for a liquid manure storage. J&J Beef Farm is applying for a bedded pack barn.
 2. Scio Beef BMPS – Nickerson Farm is applying for a bedded pack barn and 300 acres of cover crops. Hereford Hills Livestock is applying for a bedded pack barn and fencing along a streambank.
 3. Van Campen Creek BMPs – Pierce Farm is applying for a bedded pack barn. Davis Farm is applying for a liquid manure storage.
 4. Mitchell Farm Manure Storage – Mitchell Farm is applying for a bedded pack barn.
 5. Angelica Creek BMPs – Cairns Farm is applying for a bedded pack barn. Stephens Farm is applying for a rotational grazing system.
 6. Cold Creek Manure Storages – Vosburg Farm, Hatch Farm, Hinz-Bos Holsteins and M&J Dairy are applying for bedded pack barns.
- g. FL-LOWPA
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- h. AEM
 - i. We are continuing to work on project planning for Round 29.
- i. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Waiting for a contract from the State for the Round 6 project.
- j. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek –
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - 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. Lismore Dairy’s manure storage – we are working on the closeout.
 - ii. Val Dale Farm – manure storage is complete; we are waiting for a few invoices so that we can complete the closeout.
- l. WQIP Grants

- i. Working on grant applications for the next round of funding. We have met with the Towns of Belfast and Willing about securing funding for salt storage buildings.
- ii. The Towns of Amity and Granger are getting bids for their salt storage barns.

m. Part B

- i. No changes in the last month.

n. Part C

- i. No changes in the last month.

2. Technical Assistance

- a. Emily has found dead ash trees on the Bennett Lot on Rattlesnake Hill. This is the woodlot that we received no bids for in 2021. There was also a property dispute with an adjacent landowner. We are waiting for the County to decide how they want to proceed with this.
- b. We have not received anything yet from the County regarding the shared services agreement with DPW to assist with the excavator.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2023-06 – AGNPS Round 29 Canisteo River Manure Storages - Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
- b. **Resolution 2023-07 – AGNPS Round 29 Scio Beef BMPs – Approved (Cyr – Ormsby)**
- c. **Resolution 2023-08 – AGNPS Round 29 Van Campen Creek BMPs – Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- d. **Resolution 2023-09 – AGNPS Round 29 Mitchell Farm Manure Storage – Approved (Cyr – Ormsby)**
- e. **Resolution 2023-10 – AGNPS Round 29 Angelica Creek BMPs – Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- f. **Resolution 2023-11 – AGNPS Round 29 Cold Creek Manure Storages – Approved (Davis – Bennett)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: July 18, 2023 at 5:30pm.**
- ii. **We need to move the August Board Meeting – Will now be August 8th, at 5:30 pm.**

8. Correspondence

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

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman