

MINUTES  
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 18, 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:** 5:46 pm
2. **Minutes of June 20, 2023 - Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
  - a. NRCS – See attached
  - 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. No changes in the last month.
        - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
          1. Water system design is finalized, farm plans on starting the water system and fencing in August.
        - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
          1. D&R Farm – project is 60% complete.
          2. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
          3. No changes in the last month.
      - c. Round 26
        - i. Eric Hamilton – bedded pack barn is about 50% complete.
      - d. Round 27
        - i. No changes in the last month.
      - e. Round 28

- i. No changes in the last month.
- f. Round 29
  - i. Submitted the following grants for Round 29:

Project	State Amount	Landowner Amount	SWCD Amount from Grant	Match	Total
Canisteo River Manure Storages	\$214,830.00	\$92,070.00	\$26,475.00	\$2,000.00	\$335,375.00
Scio Beef BMPs	\$495,790.00	\$211,610.00	\$31,380.00	\$2,650.00	\$741,430.00
Mitchell Farm Manure Storage	\$50,050.00	\$21,450.00	\$7,295.00	\$550.00	\$79,345.00
Angelica Creek BMPs	\$140,910.00	\$60,390.00	\$15,770.00	\$1,350.00	\$209,425.00
Van Campen Creek BMPs	\$234,300.00	\$101,200.00	\$21,245.00	\$1,725.00	\$358,470.00
Cold Creek Manure Storages	\$447,216.00	\$191,664.00	\$35,430.00	\$2,900.00	\$677,210.00
Totals	\$1,583,096.00	\$678,384.00	\$137,595.00	\$11,175.00	\$2,401,255.00

- g. Grant applications were for 13 farms in the Towns of Almond, Amity, Angelica, Centerville, Cuba, Hume, Scio and West Almond. Projects included manure storages, rotational grazing systems, cover crops and fencing animals out of streams.
- h. FL-LOWPA
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- i. AEM
  - i. We are working on farm planning.
- j. Climate Resilient Farming
  - i. Waiting for a contract from the State for the Round 6 project.
  - ii. Round 7
    1. Wellsville Water Supply Cover Crops – 3 to 4 farms to plant cover crops south of the Wellsville water intake.
    2. Stephens Farm Grazing System – implement a rotational grazing system on 48 acres for a beef cow herd.
    3. Barney Farm Manure Injection – inject manure into fields when applying manure to reduce nitrogen losses.
    4. Hereford Hills Livestock Grazing System – implement a rotational grazing system for a beef cow herd.
    5. Lismore Dairy Manure Injection - inject manure into fields when applying manure to reduce nitrogen losses.

FEMA

- k. Van Campen Creek –

- i. A public notice was posted for the project, this is required for 15 days. Once that is complete, FEMA will complete their review for the next phase of the project.
  - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – FEMA is requiring an archaeological study to be performed for this site. They are requesting we update our budget to reflect the added cost of this study.
  - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services is going to check with FEMA to see what the status of this application is.
- l. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
  - i. Lismore Dairy's manure storage – closeout almost complete.
  - ii. Val Dale Farm – working on closeout.
- m. WQIP Grants
  - i. Working on grant applications that are due July 28, 2023.
    - 1. Salt Storage Buildings - Towns of Belfast, Willing and possibly New Hudson.
    - 2. Engineering Grants - plan on applying for 2-3 engineering grants for streambank stabilization planning.
  - ii. The State is starting to send us contract documents for grants that we wrote a year ago. We will be submitting these documents so we can move forward with the projects.
- n. Part B
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- o. Part C
  - i. No changes in the last month.
- 2. Technical Assistance
  - a. We met with staff from the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park and the board members of the Rockville Lake Cottage Owner to look at stream erosion that is threatening Rockville Lake. There is an interest in restoring areas of the Greenway Trail that are closed due to this erosion. The Genesee Valley Greenway State Park staff are going to survey the area and work with us to develop a plan to stabilize this section of the stream.
  - b. Agricultural District No. 1 is open for its 8-year review. Ag District No. 1 is made up of land in the towns of Allen, Birdsall, Caneadea, Centerville, Granger, Hume, New Hudson and Rushford.
  - c. We are waiting for the County to decide how they want to proceed with the sale of timber on the Bennett Lot on Rattlesnake Hill.

- d. 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 2023-12 – Climate Resilient Farming – Wellsville Water Supply Cover Crops – Approved (Cyr-Demick)**
- b. **Resolution 2023-13 – Climate Resilient Farming – Stephens Farm Grazing System – Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- c. **Resolution 2023-14 – Climate Resilient Farming – Barney Farm Manure Injection - Approved (Cyr-Demick)**
- d. **Resolution 2023-15 – Climate Resilient Farming – Hereford Hills Livestock Grazing System - Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- e. **Resolution 2023-16 – Climate Resilient Farming – Lismore Dairy Manure Injection - Approved (Cyr-Demick)**

**7. Announcements**

- i. **Next Board Meeting: September 5, 2023 at 5:30pm.**
- ii. **We will not be having an August meeting due to not enough members available to attend.**

**8. Correspondence**

**9. Adjournment - 6:23 pm Approved (Demick - Cyr)**

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Tiffany A. McCumiskey  
Secretary to Board

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Rodney Bennett  
Chairman