

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 5, 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 - Absent

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner - NRCS

1. **Call to Order: 5:35 pm**
2. **Minutes of July 18, 2023 - Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Cyr - Demick)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Ben let us know that he was back at the Belmont office. Did not have a whole lot to report.
 - 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. Concrete is being poured at Heitman Farm, should be finished soon.
 - 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 90% complete.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 26
 - i. Eric Hamilton – bedded pack barn is about 75% complete.
 - d. Round 27
 - i. Mayline Farm is working on getting quotes for their grazing system.

- e. Round 28
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Emily has been organizing a meeting for maple syrup producers, Forest Management for Maple Producers, set for November 8, 2023.
- g. AEM
 - i. Continuing to work on farm planning.
- h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. We have received contract documents for Round 6 to sign and return to the State.
 - ii. Submitted 2 applications for Round 7 of the Climate Resilient Farming grant program.

Project	State Amount	Landowner Amount	SWCD Amount From Grant	SWCD Match	Total
Hereford Hills Livestock Grazing System	\$127,400.00	\$45,400.00	\$11,290.00	\$950.00	\$185,040.00
Barney Farms Manure Injection	\$108,000.00	\$42,455.00	\$9,065.00	\$825.00	\$160,345.00
Totals	\$235,400.00	\$87,855.00	\$20,355.00	\$1,775.00	\$345,385.00

- i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek –
 - 1. no changes in the last month.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – no changes in the last month
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – no changes in the last month.
- j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Lismore Dairy’s manure storage – will be completed the first week of September.
 - ii. Val Dale Farm – working on closeout.
- k. WQIP Grants
 - i. Submitted 6 applications for the WQIP Grant funding.

Project	State Amount	Landowner Amount	SWCD Amount From Grant	SWCD Match	Total
Town of Belfast Salt Storage	\$376,000.00	\$94,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$500,000.00
Town of New Hudson Salt Storage	\$234,500.00	\$115,500.00	\$16,750.00	\$8,250.00	\$375,000.00
Town of Willing Salt Storage	\$280,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$375,000.00

Village of Angelica Stormwater Study			\$32,000.00	\$3,607.00	\$35,607.00
West Van Campen Creek Stream Corridor Assessment			\$75,000.00	\$10,842.00	\$85,842.00
Rockville Lake Stabilization Plan Location			\$40,000.00	\$4,605.00	\$44,605.00
Totals	\$890,500.00	\$279,500.00	\$207,750.00	\$38,304.00	\$1,416,054.00

ii. Working on the contract documents for approved projects from 2022 WQIP grant funding.

iii. The Town of Granger is getting bids for their salt storage building.

l. Part B

i. No changes in the last month.

m. Part C

i. No changes in the last month.

2. Technical Assistance

a. Emily and Leonard got an emergency stream permit for the Bolivar-Richburg School to remove gravel from a culvert that goes under their baseball field. This culvert plugged full of gravel during the July storm event and caused the stream that flows through the culvert to flood the football and baseball fields.

b. Continuing to work on the Agricultural District No. 1, 8-year review.

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. 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. **Excavator usage – Steuben County recently shared their Stream Program agreement they have been using with landowners. The district is requesting permission to use the same form agreement for the new excavator streambank stabilization program. There was a question asked by Fred regarding payments of materials and how that would work. The district will give the landowner an estimate and those payments will be required up front before any work is completed. Approved (Demick – Cyr)**

b. **FL-LOWPA – Keiser Beef Farm Roofed Feed Pad – Requesting approval to use \$20,000.000 of FL-LOWPA funding for a project to construct a 20’x80’ roofed concrete feed pad to feed the 25-30 beef animals pn the Keiser farm. Approved (Davis – Demick)**

c. **AEM BMP Implementation Change – Each year we receive \$100,000 to spend on a project. Originally the money was going to be used at Lost Valley Farm in Canaseraga was going to put in a roofed barnyard but, due**

to financial reasons, they do not want to do that project right now. The money has to be spent by the end of the year, so another farm owned by Jon Nickerson in Scio, who owns a beef farm, would like to put in a roofed feed pad to have a place away from the creek that runs along the farm. Requesting permission to change the AEM BMP funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 from Lost Valley Farm to Hereford Hills Livestock in Scio to construct a roofed feed pad. Approved (Cyr – Davis)

- d. **New Truck Discussion – We have received some pricing for a new truck. After discussion regarding the high prices of the truck, it has been decided to table that discussion until our next meeting in October in hopes that some of the pricing may go down.**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 5:30pm.**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:07 pm Approved (Cyr - Demick)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman