

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 17, 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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner - NRCS

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Minutes of September 5, 2023 - Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Demick)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS –
NRCS is operating under the current Continuing Resolution (CR). This funds us through Nov 17th, 2023.

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) – Including GLRI

- FY2023 – 13 EQIP contracts completed (\$768,126)
- FY2024 signup 1 cutoff date is Nov 3, 2023 (see press release)

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- FY2023 – 2 CSP contracts completed (\$58,939)
 - FY2024 signup 1 cutoff date is Nov 3, 2023 (see press release)
 - Currently completing practice certifications and FY2023 annual payments
- 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. The contractor has completed the pack barn. Heitman’s need to put the final touches on the project.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Farm is waiting for the contractor to start the water system.

- iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 - 1. D&R Farm – manure storage is complete.
- iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 - 1. D&L Saunders Farm is working on getting quotes for their bedded pack barn.
 - 2. Beech Hill Cattle has gotten all of the quotes for their pack barn and plan to start this fall.
- c. Round 26
 - i. Eric Hamilton – bedded pack barn is about 90% complete.
- d. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- e. Round 28
 - i. Barney Farms has planted 100 acres of cover crops.
- f. Round 29
 - i. We were awarded the following Round 29 grant:

Project	State Amount	Landowner Amount	SWCD Amount From Grant	SWCD Match	Total
Canisteo River Manure Storages	\$214,830.00	\$92,070.00	\$26,475.00	\$2,000.00	\$335,375.00

- g. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Harold Mitchell has completed his fencing project.
 - ii. Emily has been organizing a meeting for maple syrup producers, Forest Management for Maple Producers, set for October 25, 2023.
 - iii. Submitted the workplan for fiscal year grant funding 2023-2024.
- h. AEM
 - i. Continuing to work on farm planning.
 - ii. Working on closeouts for Round 17.
- i. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. Contract documents have been returned to the State.
 - 2. Hurlburt Farm is planning on doing some cover crops this year.
- j. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek –
 - 1. We are still waiting for FEMA to approve the implementation phase.
 - 2. Our current contract expires 12/31/2023. We have applied for an extension until 12/31/2024.
 - 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.
- k. CAFO Waste Storage Grant

- i. Lismore Dairy’s manure storage – closeout documents have been submitted to the State.
 - ii. Val Dale Farm – working on closeout.
 - l. WQIP Grants
 - i. The Town of Amity has started construction of their salt storage building.
 - ii. Working on the contract documents for approved projects from 2022 WQIP grant funding.
 - m. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Continuing to work on the Agricultural District No. 1, 8-year review.
 - b. The Rattlesnake Hill timber sale received one bid from Two Rivers Timber Co. The winning bid was \$146,000.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Excavator – Discussion regarding the shared services agreement for use of the Excavator. It was moved that Resolution 2023-21- Acceptance of the shared services agreement - be approved. Approved (Cyr – Demick)**
 - b. **Resolution 2023-19- AEM Round 17 with Farm Funding Changes**
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Part B Approval – Requesting approval for the use of Part B funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 to D&R Farm Stream Stabilization. The result of the project will be stabilizing 300’ of a high erodible streambank along Caneadea Creek that will prevent the loss of approximately 600 tons of soil over the next 10 years. Approved (Cyr – Ormsby)**
 - b. **Annual Plan of Work Approval – Requesting approval to submit the 2024 Annual Plan of Work. Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
 - c. **AGNPS Round 25 Cryder Creek Extension – Requesting approval to apply for an extension. The farm is still waiting for the contractor to start the water system. Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
 - d. **AGNPS Round 25 Wellsville Extension – Requesting approval to apply for an extension. D & L Saunders is working on getting quotes and Beech Hill Cattle is planning on starting their project this fall. Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
 - e. **CAFO Waste Storage Round 2 – Bainbridge Farm, LLC Extension – Requesting approval to apply for an extension. Approved (Cyr – Demick)**
 - f. **Resolution 2023-17 – Savings Account for Climate Resilient Farming Round 6 – Requesting approval to open a Savings Account at Community Bank for the Climate Resilient Funding Round 6 program. Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
 - g. **Resolution 2023-18 – AEM Round 18 Application – Requesting approval to submit the AEM Round 18 Application. Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
 - h. **Resolution 2023-20 – Savings Account for Round 28 AGNPS Grant – Requesting permission to open a Savings Account for AGNPS Round 28 Grant funding. Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**

7. **Executive Session – Demick made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a letter that was brought in from a concerned citizen, seconded by Cyr. A motion was made to move out of executive session by Cyr, seconded by Demick. The Executive Session lasted 3 minutes.**
8. **Announcements**
 - i. **Next Board Meeting: We will be changing the board meeting to November 28, 2023 at 5:30pm, due to conflicts with the holiday week.**
9. **Correspondence**
10. **Adjournment - 6:05 pm Approved (Cyr - Demick)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman