

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – November 15, 2022
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Samuel Mietlowski, Farm Bureau - Absent
Kevin (Fred) Demick, Legislator
Adam Cyr, Legislator
Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Vic DiGiacomo
Ben Renner
Nicole Ayers

1. **Call to Order:** 5:28 pm
2. **Minutes of October 18, 2022 Approved (Cyr - Demick)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
 - c. 2021 Annual Audit – Audit committee found the financial documents to be in good order.
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. Cody Pomeroy is working on his access control system.
 - b. Round 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. Jeff Heitman has started his pack barn.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Well has been installed for the grazing system.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. D&R Farms has started their manure storage.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 26
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - e. Round 28
 - i. Plan of work is due December 1, 2022.

- f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. The 2019-20 FL-LOWPA grant closeout documents were submitted to FL-LOWPA.
 - ii. Hoffman Farm has completed their erosion control project.
- g. AEM
 - i. We are currently working with 3 farms developing comprehensive nutrient management plans.
 - ii. Kyle has been soil sampling for farms.
- h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Plan of work is due December 1, 2022.
- i. Southern Tier Program
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- j. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek –
 - 1. Still waiting on FEMA’s approval to start construction.
- k. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Barney Farm’s manure storage is complete, they are working on the transfer system now.
 - ii. Lismore Dairy’s manure storage has the liner and concrete installed. The contractor is working on finishing the earthwork around the storage.
 - iii. Val Dale Farm – the farm has restarted construction.
- l. WQIP Grants
 - i. The Towns of Independence and Centerville have completed their salt storage buildings.
- m. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - i. Van Campen Creek at Accord – this project is about 80% complete.
- n. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- o. Part B
 - i. Landowner is waiting for the contractor to start.
- p. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Leonard and myself met with the Rockville Lake Property and Cottage Owners Association to look at issues at Rockville Lake. Issues that will need to be addressed include streambank erosion of Black Creek into the Lake, freshwater supply into the Lake and some potential leaks under Lake Road.
 - b. 340 acres of hay, winter grains and cover crops were planted using the no till planter in 2022. Utilizing this planter, farms are able to plant crops without plowing their fields. This results in reduced soil erosion and fuel use.

5. Old Business

6. **New Business**
 - a. **Round 25 Wellsville Water Supply Protection Extension Request – Requesting approval to request a 1 year extension - Approved (Cyr – Ormsby)**
 - b. **2023 Budget – Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
 - c. **2022 Manager Meeting – December 13th and 14th, Syracuse, NY – Information regarding the meeting was passed on to board, all are welcome to attend.**

7. **Announcements**
 - i. **Next Board Meeting, December 20, 2022 at 5:30pm.**

8. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Wellsville Sun Article – Soil & Water’s role in Dyke Creek Flood Control Project**

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

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman