

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 20, 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 - Absent
Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary - Absent

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Minutes of November 15, 2022 Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Working of filling the position that Liz Wesche left. Kylie Hint will be transferring to Belmont in January possibly from Cattaraugus County.
 - 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. No changes in the last month.
 - b. Round 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. Jeff Heitman is working on his pack barn.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. D&R Farms project has been shut down for the winter.
 - 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. Phil May is looking to complete his project in 2023.
 - e. Round 28
 - i. Plan of work has been submitted
 - f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. The 2019-20 FL-LOWPA grant closeout has been approved by FL-LOWPA. We have received our final payment.

- g. AEM
 - i. We are continuing to work with developing plans for farms in anticipation of Round 29 of the State’s Ag Non-Point Grant Program and Round 7 of the Climate Resiliency Funding being announced in 2023.
- h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Plan of work has been submitted.
- i. Southern Tier Program
 - i. Submitted 1 more closeout package.
- j. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek –
 - 1. FEMA requested more information about the project. We have submitted this to FEMA.
 - ii. County Road 48 Stabilization Project – FEMA requested more information/clarification for this grant application. This has been submitted to FEMA.
- k. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2– FEMA requested more information/clarification for this grant application. We are working on a response.
- l. 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 is complete. Driveway needs finished and site needs seeded.
 - iii. Val Dale Farm – no changes in the last month
- m. WQIP Grants
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- n. Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program:
 - i. Van Campen Creek at Accord – this project has been completed
- o. Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Grant
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- p. Part B
 - i. This project has been completed.
- q. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. The County Forest Management Plan is close to completion, we are in the process of reviewing and editing it.

5. Old Business

- a. **Stream Program Expansion – Excavator Purchase – The District is looking to expand our stream program to offer implementation services to private landowners who are unable to afford the cost to protect their properties from stream erosion. Grant money is not normally available to private property owners. We have presented a plan to implement this stream program with the funding arrangements, roles and responsibilities of the District as well as the**

County DPW or municipalities. There is also a Shared Services Initiative between the District and County DPW in place. The district is seeking funding to purchase an excavator in the amount of \$172,100.00. We received quotes on 4 excavators of this size and this was the best priced machine.

- b. Change to District Law – Update on discussion last month regarding the proposed changes to district law, along with a letter from Cornell Cooperative Extensive clarifying the role of Meagan Brosterman, who is a volunteer and not an employee of the organization.**

6. New Business

- a. Round 25 Rushford Lake Extension Request – D&R Farm was unable to finish their manure storage before cold weather set in. The current contract is set to expire 2/20/2023. Requesting approval to request a 1 year extension - Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
- b. FL-LOWPA contract approval for Fanton Farm – This project is for the removal of silt and sediment from approximately 2,000’ of drainage ditch that has silted in. This has caused fields to flood and erode soil in areas. Amount of grant money request is \$12,000.00. Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**

7. Announcements

- i. Next Board Meeting, January 17, 2023 at 5:30pm. – Fred will not be in attendance**

8. Correspondence

- a. NYACD Newsletter**
- b. NYACD 2023 Legislative Days Information**

9. Adjournment – 5:45 pm Approved (Demick - Ormsby)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman