

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 16, 2024
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Christian Lewis, 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

1. **Call to Order: 5:32 pm**
2. **Minutes of March 19, 2024 Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Demick)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached
 - d. Executive Director –
 1. Program Updates:
 - a. Round 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. Working on the closeout documents.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Farm is working on their fencing.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - b. Round 26
 - i. Hamilton Beef Farm has completed their bedded pack barn.
 - c. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. Round 28
 - i. Received the advanced payment.
 - e. Round 29
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - f. FL-LOWPA

- i. There is one project for approval tonight and a change to one project.
 - ii. Lester York has started his project that was approved in March.
 - g. AEM
 - i. Working on updating plans for the next round of grant funding.
 - ii. Working on updating CNMP's for Nickerson Farm and J&J Beef Farm.
 - h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. No changes in the last month.
 - ii. Round 7
 - 1. No changes in the last month.
 - i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – the extension has been approved. We are waiting for permit approval to start construction.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – The archaeological survey has been completed; we are waiting for the final report. This report will be sent to FEMA for their approval of Phase 2, which is construction.
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – No changes in the last month.
 - iv. I met with the County Attorney regarding assistance with meeting the FEMA requirements for these projects. She is helping us with this matter.
 - j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Val Dale Farms closeout documents have been sent to the State.
 - k. WQIP Grants
 - i. Working on plans for the Town of Angelica's salt storage building.
 - ii. Town of West Almond salt storage - storage building has been constructed.
 - l. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - m. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. Great Lakes Commission Funding
 - i. Working on a grant application to stabilize several areas of eroding streambanks on Caneadea Creek.
- 2. Technical Assistance
 - a. Continuing to work on designs and permitting for several stream erosion sites.
 - b. The County has approached us about possibly taking on management of a trail system on County Forest land. Waiting on more details about this.

5. Old Business

- a. **FL-LOWPA 21-22 Update – Rob Chamberlain – Project was to originally install fencing to expand the farms grazing acres for their beef cows. Due to changes on the farm, the farm is not going to do the fencing, but do some erosion control work on the same property. The farm is requesting an increase in funding from \$15,000 to \$20,500. Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**

6. New Business

- a. **FL-LOWPA 22-23 – Joe Meehan Farm Erosion Control – Project is to install an erosion control system that will involve installing a riser and approximately 600’ of 12” pipe to keep water from flowing across the surface of a farm field. The farm is requesting \$10,000 to complete this project. Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- b. **Resolution 2024-03 – AEM Year 18 – Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
 1. **Lost Valley Farm Roofed Feeding area -\$100,000 – Project is to install a roofed feed pad to allow the farm to feed their beef animals under roof during the winter months.**
 2. **Nickerson Farm Bedded Pack Barn - \$100,000- Project is to install a bedded pack barn that will allow the farm to collect all of the manure from the beef cows during the winter months and then will apply it when the weather conditions are suitable.**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: May 21, 2024 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 5:52pm Approved (Demick – Ormsby)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman