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ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – January 23, 2024
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Vacant, Farm Bureau
Kevin (Fred) Demick, Legislator
Adam Cyr, Legislator
Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:32 pm
2. **Election of Officers**
Scott Torrey acted as Chairman for Elections
Chairman – Rodney Bennett (**Demick - Ormsby**)
Close Nominations (**Demick- Ormsby**)
Vice Chairman – Josh Ormsby (**Demick - Cyr**)
Close Nominations (**Demick - Cyr**)
Secretary – Tiffany McCumiskey (**Bennett – Ormsby**)
Close Nominations (**Bennett – Ormsby**)
3. **Minutes of December 19, 2023 Approved (Cyr - Ormsby)**
4. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
5. **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 24
 - i. Closeout documents have been submitted. The District earned \$6,575.
 - b. Round 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. Working on the closeout documents.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. The water system has been completed.
 - 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.

- c. Round 26
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - e. Round 28
 - i. Submitted the advanced claim for payment - \$153,561.25.
 - f. Round 29
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - g. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Grants 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 need to be completed in 2024. We are working on lining up projects. Have \$58,200 for stream stabilization projects. Planning on a few projects for the excavator.
 - h. AEM
 - i. Kyle is working on closeout documents.
 - ii. Working on updating plans for the next round of grant funding.
 - iii. Emily is working on forest plans for farms.
 - i. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. No changes in the last month.
 - ii. Round 7
 - 1. Plan of work documents are due 2/1/2024.
 - j. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – waiting on extension request so we can proceed. Emily is completing the stream permit for this project.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – received contract documents last week, they will be signed and returned the week of 1/22/2024.
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – received contract documents last week, they will be signed and returned the week of 1/22/2024.
 - k. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - l. WQIP Grants
 - i. Town of West Almond is planning to have their salt storage building installed before their contract expires on March 31,2023.
 - m. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
2. Technical Assistance
- a. The Farmland Protection Board approved Agricultural District No. 1, 8-year review.
 - b. Emily and Leonard are working on stream permits.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. **Designation of Depositories** – Community Bank, NA – **Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- b. **Designation of Signatory Authority Banking Purposes** – Will be left with Bennett, Demick and Torrey having signatory authority. – **Approved (Ormsby - Cyr)**
- c. **Appointment of Audit Committee** – Bennett and Demick will be new Audit Committee – **Approved (Cyr - Ormsby)**
- d. **Designation of Official Newspaper** – Change to Hornell Evening Tribune and Olean Times Herald– **Approved (Cyr - Ormsby)**
- e. **Resolution 2024-01 – Resolution to use update Shared Services Agreement for Excavator use** – **Approved (Demick - Cyr)**

8. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: February 20, 2023 at 5:00pm. We are changing from 5:30 to 5:00 pm for this meeting due to conflicts in schedules.**

9. Correspondence

10. Adjournment - 5:56pm Approved (Demick - Ormsby)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman