

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – June 18, 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

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers - FSA
Vic DiGiacomo

1. **Call to Order:** 5:33 pm
2. **Minutes of May 21, 2024 Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Demick)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
 - a. 2023 Audit Report - Audit committee found the financial documents to be in good order.
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – No Report
 - b. FSA – See attached
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – See attached – Vic also discussed financials on the state level and that the budget increase passed, which in turn will lead to our performance measures award increasing next year if we meet the requirements. There have been no changes from last year to the performance measures requirements.
 - 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. We will be applying for an extension.
 - c. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. Round 28

- i. Barney Farms is planning on completing their silage leachate system this summer.
 - e. Round 29
 - i. Contract has been approved by the State.
 - f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Working on project implementation.
 - g. AEM
 - i. Working on updating plans for the next round of grant funding.
 - ii. Working on 4 CNMPs.
 - iii. Emily is working on 2 forestry plans for farms.
 - h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. No changes in the last month.
 - ii. Round 7
 - 1. No changes in the last month.
 - iii. Round 8
 - 1. Applications for Round 8 are due June 24, 2024.
 - i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – We have received permit approval. Plan to start work soon.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 –The final archaeological report has been submitted to FEMA.
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – No changes in the last month.
 - j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Bainbridge Farm – working on designs.
 - k. WQIP Grants
 - i. Grant applications for the next round of funding are due July 31, 2024.
 - ii. The closeout for the Town of West Almond’s Salt storage has been approved.
 - iii. We have received payment for the Town of Amity and West Almond.
 - iv. The Town of Belfast is planning on constructing their salt storage building in July. They do not have a contract yet for the project.
 - l. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - m. Part C
 - i. We have been utilizing funding to cover employee time when dealing with stream issues.
- 2. Stream Program
 - a. Michele Platt –Working on permitting.
 - b. Dean Hint – working on some repair options.
 - c. Friendship School – working on permitting.
 - d. County Road 7B – waiting on permit approval

- e. Kevin Kailbourne – working on permitting.
- 3. Miscellaneous
 - a. The auditors for the County have been requesting information for our annual audit from the County.

5. Old Business

- a. **County Contract Update – Scott updated the board regarding the county contract by including the letter written to Phil Curran, Chairman of the Resource Management Committee. There has not been a meeting date set to discuss the contract as of today.**

6. New Business

- a. Creation of new District Technician Position – We are requesting permission to hire an additional technician. With all the grant hours we are required to meet, it is necessary to hire someone to help with those hours. Approved (Ormsby – Demick)
- b. Creation of new Part Time Heavy Equipment Operator Position – We are requesting permission to hire a part time heavy equipment operator to help out when doing projects with the excavator. Approved (Ormsby – Demick)
- c. Resolution 2024-05 – AEM Year 18 Savings Account – Requesting permission to open an new savings account for AEM year 18. Approved (Bennett – Demick)
- d. Resolution 2024-06 - Climate Resilient Farming – Southern Allegany Soil Health Initiative Approved (Demick – Bennett)
- e. Resolution 2024-07 - Climate Resilient Farming – Barney Farm Manure Injection - Approved (Bennett – Demick)
- f. Resolution 2024-08 - Climate Resilient Farming – Behen Farm Cover Crops – Approved (Demick – Bennett)
- g. Resolution 2024-09 - Climate Resilient Farming – Lost Valley Farm Soil Health – Approved (Bennett – Demick)
- h. Resolution 2024-10 - Climate Resilient Farming – Bainbridge Farm, LLC Soil Health – Approved (Demick – Bennett)
- i. Resolution 2024-11 – Climate Resilient Farming – Hillcrest Homestead Manure Management – Approved (Bennett – Demick)
- j. AGNPS Round 26 Cryder Creek Beef BMPs Extension – Approved (Bennett – Demick)

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: July 16, 2024 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:12pm Approved (Bennett - Demick)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman