

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – May 21, 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
Josh Ormsby, Grange - Absent

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary - Absent

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner – NRCS
Bret Shaffer – NRCS Intern

1. **Call to Order:** 5:36 pm
2. **Minutes of April 16, 2024 Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Cyr)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – See attached
 - 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. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 27
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - d. Round 28
 - i. Received the advanced payment.
 - e. Round 29
 - i. Contract has been approved by the State.
 - f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. There are two projects for approval tonight.
 - 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.
 - iii. Working on new CNMP's for Beech Hill Cattle and Hereford Hills Livestock.
- h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. Hurlbut Farm is working on no-tilling their crops.
 - 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 are waiting for permit approval to start construction.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – We are waiting on the final archaeological report.
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – No changes in the last month.
 - iv. Have not heard anything from the County Attorney concerning these FEMA projects.
- j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Val Dale Farms closeout has been approved.
 - ii. 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 Amity's Salt storage has been approved.
 - iii. Finalizing designs for repairing Genesee River erosion adjacent to Council House Road in Caneadea. We are working with DEC to secure EPA funding in the amount of \$568,300. If funded this will be 100% funded.
- 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. Submitted a grant application to stabilize 6 sites on Caneadea Creek. Approximately 2,340' of streambank will be stabilized. Grant funding - \$300,000 with a match of - \$107,461. (picture attached)
- o. Stream Program
 - i. Michele Platt – Project is to stabilize a 75' section of streambank that is eroding towards her driveway. Working on permitting.

- ii. Dale Skinner – A 500’ section of Angelica Creek is eroding toward their house. Need to do a site visit yet.
- iii. Dean Hint – experiencing stream erosion along a 250’ section of field. Working on an estimate and solution to the problem.
- p. Friendship School – working on permitting.
- q. County Road 7B – have submitted permit application to the Army Corp of Engineers for the County DPW. This will be to stabilize a section of Caneadea Creek near a County bridge.
- i. Kevin Kailbourne – Stream erosion affecting property, working on permitting to realign the stream channel into the old stream bed.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **2024 Reginal District Managers Meeting – Just letting the Board know the options for the District Managers Meeting to see if anyone can attend.**
- b. **FL-LOWPA 22-23 – Hark Farms - \$10,000 for Milkhouse Waste Collection System – Project is to replace a failing milkhouse waste collection system. The current system is 40 to 50 years old and has failed and the milkhouse waste is entering the nearby stream. Approved (Cyr – Demick)**
- c. **FL-LOWPA 22-23 – Michele Platt - \$3,542.50 for Streambank Stabilization – Stream erosion is threatening the landowner’s driveway. Currently 5 to 10 feet from driveway. We will be doing this project with our excavator. Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- d. **Resolution 2024-04 – AGNPS Round 29 Savings Account – Requesting permission to open a new savings account for Round 29. Approved (Cyr – Demick)**
- e. **Renewal of County Contract – Scott wanted some input from the board regarding the renewal of the county contract. The board recommended requesting an increase to compensate a new hire for the district.**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: June 18, 2024 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:13pm Approved (Cyr - Demick)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman