

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

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Christian Lewis, Farm Bureau
Kevin (Fred) Demick, Legislator
Adam Cyr, Legislator - Absent
Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary - Absent

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner - NRCS

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 pm
2. **Minutes of June 18, 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 – [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. Barney Farms is planning on completing their silage leachate system this summer.
 - e. Round 29
 - i. Meeting with Dobson Farm Wednesday to see if they want to complete their project this summer.

- f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Working on project implementation.
 - ii. Joe Meehan has finished his project.
 - iii. Submitted the workplan for FY 2425. Funding will be \$137,200.
- g. AEM
 - i. Working on 4 CNMPs and 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. Submitted the following applications for Round 8

Project	State/Federal Funds	SWCD Grant Income	Landowner Amount	SWCD Match	Total
Hillcrest Homestead Manure Management	\$308,000.00	\$20,875.00	\$132,000.00	\$1,125.00	\$462,000.00
Southern Allegany Soil Health Initiative	\$287,650.00	\$18,000.00	\$92,307.00	\$1,450.00	\$399,407.00
Lost Valley Farm Soil Health	\$65,625.00	\$ 9,925.00	\$21,204.00	\$825.00	\$97,579.00
Barney Farm Manure Injection	\$111,900.00	\$ 9,925.00	\$72,574.00	\$825.00	\$195,224.00
Bainbridge Farm, LLC Soil Health	\$644,100.00	\$19,625.00	\$214,740.00	\$1,625.00	\$880,090.00
Behen Farm cover Crops	\$38,970.00	\$7,260.00	\$12,452.00	\$600.00	\$59,282.00
Total	\$1,456,245.00	\$85,610.00	\$545,277.00	\$6,450.00	\$2,093,582.00

- i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – We have received permit approval. Plan to start work soon.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 –FEMA is requesting some more information for Phase 1 of this project.
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – No changes in the last month.
- j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Bainbridge Farm – working on designs.
- k. CAFO Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program - The State has opened a new funding source for CAFO farms called the CAFO Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program. There is \$14 million available in Round 1. There are 5 eligible farms in the County. Applications are due October 28, 2024.
- l. WQIP Grants

- i. Grant applications for the next round of funding are due July 31, 2024.
 - m. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. Part C
 - i. We have been utilizing funding to cover employee time when dealing with stream issues.
 - 2. Stream Program
 - a. Friendship School –Finalizing permit application for this project.
 - b. County Road 7B – Some changes are required for the project to fall under the simplified Soil and Water regional permit.
 - c. Council House Road – Working on designs for the DEC.
 - d. Platt Stream Project – working on the permit application.
 - e. Kailbourne Stream Stabilization– Working on permitting.
 - 3. Miscellaneous
 - a. The timber harvest has started on Rattlesnake Hill.
- 5. **Old Business**
 - a. **County Contract Update – The contract will be discussed at the Resources Management Meeting on August 7 for approval**
 - b. **District Technician Position – The person that has already applied for the position does not qualify due to not having graduated college yet. WE will be advertising the position.**
 - c. **Engineer Position – Requesting permission to hire a contract engineer, if needed, to help with Leonard’s workload. Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- 6. **New Business**
 - a. **New Copier – We have been having an issue with our copy machine. Acme can fix the machine for \$99/hour, due to it being out of warranty. There is no guarantee how long the repairs will take. We have a quote for a new copy machine, and are requesting permission to buy it if necessary. Approved (Demick – Lewis)**
 - b. **Jones Beef Farm – FL-LOWPA Project – Project is to rebuild the pad that is used to store silage on. Currently it’s an earthen pad that has become muddy and hard to clean. The farm would like to use \$9,700 in FL-LOWPA funding to install a concrete pad. Approved (Bennett – Demick)**
- 7. **Announcements**
 - i. **Next Board Meeting: August 20, 2024 at 5:30pm**
- 8. **Correspondence**
- 9. **Adjournment - 6:05pm Approved (Demick - Lewis)**

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman