

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – November 19, 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
Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner - NRCS

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Minutes of October 15, 2024 Approved (Cyr - Lewis)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Lewis)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – Ben said NRCS is working on getting contracts finished up by the end of the calendar year, working on 3 Conservation Stewardship Contracts, all of which are forestry projects. They need to be complete by December 20th.
They are looking to hire the current intern as a full time employee after his graduation from school at the beginning of December. They would like to get him hired before the hiring freeze at the beginning of the year.
 - 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. Project is complete. Working on closeout documents.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. No changes in the last month.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. D&L Saunders Farm pack barn is 90% complete.
 2. Beech Hill Cattle is working on their pack barn.
 - b. Round 26
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 27
 - i. Mayline Farm fencing project is almost complete.
 - d. Round 28

- i. Barney Farm – earthwork is complete, concrete will be completed in the spring.
- e. Round 29
 - i. Dobson Farm – the estimate for the roofed
- f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Heitman is working on his project to increase his rotational grazing system.
 - ii. Working on closeouts.
- g. AEM
 - i. Continuing to work on CNMPs and soil sampling.
- h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. Hurlbut Farm completed their cover crop plantings.
 - ii. Round 7
 - 1. The contract has been signed and sent back.
 - iii. Round 8
 - 1. Plan of work documents due December 16, 2024.
- i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – Project is complete.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – Waiting on the consultant to perform the more in-depth archaeological study.
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – No changes in the last month.
- j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Bainbridge Farm – The first storage is 75% complete. Will start the second storage in the next week.
- k. CAFO Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program – applied for the following grants:

Project	State/Federal Funds	SWCD Amount From Grant	Landowner Amount	SWCD Match	Total
Bainbridge Farm Manure Management	\$ 228,750.00	\$15,875.00	\$ 96,250.00	\$1,125.00	\$342,000.00
Barney Farm Manure Management	\$ 206,250.00	\$ 15,850.00	\$68,750.00	\$1,250.00	\$292,100.00
Hillcrest Homestead Manure Management	\$ 315,000.00	\$13,875.00	\$132,000.00	\$1,125.00	\$462,000.00

- l. WQIP Grants
 - i. Signed the contract for the Town of Willing’s salt storage.
- m. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.

- n. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- 2. Stream Program
 - a. Platt Stream Project –Project complete.
 - b. Friendship School – Waiting for permit approval.
 - c. Kailbourne Stream Stabilization– Waiting for permit approval.
 - d. Pace Stream Stabilization – submitted an emergency permit for the landowner to stabilize a streambank on his property.
 - e. Todd Philips Stream Stabilization – submitted an emergency permit application for the landowner to make repairs to the streambank that has moved to less than 10’ from their house.
 - f. Town of Independence – assisting the Town with the FEMA and NRCS EWP funding.
 - g. Town of Willing – assisting the Town with FEMA funding.
 - h. Following up on several stream issues.
- 3. Technical Assistance
 - a. Ag District #4 working on enrolling new properties and the report.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **2025 Plan of Work – Approved to send to state for approval – Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- b. **Resolution 2024-18 – Approval of Part Time Heavy Equipment Operator – Requesting approval to hire Russell Preston at \$25.00/hour to run as a part time heavy equipment operator. Approved (Demick – Lewis)**
- c. **Not Till Drill Sale – The old no till drill is being auctioned at Auction International. The board approved the sale of the no till drill at Scott’s discretion. Approved (Cyr – Lewis)**
- d. **2025 Budget – Approved (Cyr – Lewis)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: December 17, 2024 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 5:44pm

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman