

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 15, 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

1. **Call to Order:** 5:38 pm
2. **Minutes of September 24, 2024 Approved (Ormsby - Demick)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **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 25
 - i. Black Creek Manure Storages
 1. Working on the closeout documents.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Project is 95% complete.
 - 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 50% complete.
 2. Beech Hill Cattle has started construction of their pack barn.
 - b. Round 26
 - i. The extension request has been approved.
 - c. Round 27
 - i. Mayline Farm is working on their fencing project.
 - d. Round 28
 - i. Barney Farm – contractor has started earthwork for their project. They have planted their 100 acres of cover crops for the fall.
 - e. Round 29

- i. Dobson Farm plans to start their manure storage this fall. Designs have been completed and the farm is working on getting bids.
 - f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Design work has been completed for the Hark Farm milkhouse waste collection.
 - g. AEM
 - i. Continuing to work on CNMPs and soil sampling.
 - h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. Hurlbut Farm is completing their cover crop plantings.
 - ii. Round 7
 - 1. The contract has been signed and sent back.
 - iii. Round 8
 - 1. No changes in the last month.
 - i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – Project is approximately 80% 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 – A contractor has been selected, waiting for them to start.
 - k. CAFO Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program – resolutions for approval tonight.
 - l. WQIP Grants
 - i. Completed contracts for Belfast and Willing’s salt storages. Waiting on contracts to come back from the State.
 - m. Part B
 - i. Hillman Beef has completed their fencing project.
 - n. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
- 2. Stream Program
 - a. Friendship School – Waiting for permit approval.
 - b. County Road 7B – No changes in the last month. Waiting for the County to let us know how they would like to proceed. DEC wants some changes to the project.
 - c. Council House Road – Working on designs for the DEC.
 - d. Platt Stream Project – Will start this project when we are done in Friendship.
 - e. Kailbourne Stream Stabilization – Waiting for permit approval.
 - f. Pace Stream Stabilization – submitted an emergency permit for the landowner to stabilize a streambank on his property.

- g. Town of Independence – assisting the Town with the FEMA and NRCS EWP funding.
 - h. 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.
3. Technical Assistance
- a. Ag District #4 is now open for review and updating. The updated review is due to the County on 12/27/2024.
 - b. The Finger Lakes Trail has constructed their lean to on Rattlesnake Hill.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **2025 Conservation Project Financial Assistance – Part B Approval – Hint Stream Stabilization – The project is to stabilize a 240’ section of the South Branch of Van Campen Creek along a farm field. This section erodes 10’ per year. The project will consist of reshaping the vertical streambank to a 2:1 slope then placing rip rap on the sloped bank – Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
- b. **Truck Purchase – It was moved to accept the bid for the 2025 Ram Bighorn Truck with a purchase price of \$50,439.92. Approved (Ormsby– Demick)**
- c. **Resolution 2024-13 – Authorizing Payments Prior to Board Approval – We needed a resolution in place authorizing the payments of certain monthly bills or expenses that, if not paid on time, would incur late charges and/or cancellations. Approved (Demick – Bennett)**
- d. **Resolutions – CAFO ENMP Round 1 Grant Funding – Requesting permission to apply for grant funding for the following farms -**
 - 1. **2024-14 Barney Farm Manure Management – Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
 - 2. **2024-15 Hillcrest Homestead Manure Management – Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**
 - 3. **2024-16 Mayline Farm Manure Management – Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
 - 4. **2024-17 Bainbridge Farm, LLC Manure Management – Approved (Ormsby – Demick)**
- e. **2024 Statewide District Managers Meeting – Requesting approval for Scott and 1 other board member to attending the District Managers Meeting in Cortland in December. Approved (Demick – Ormsby)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: November 19, 2024 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:08pm

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman