

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 24, 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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Ben Renner – NRCS
Nicole Ayers - FSA

1. **Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
2. **Minutes of August 20, 2024 Approved (Cyr - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Demick - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – [See attached](#)
 - b. FSA – [See attached](#)
 - 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 it 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 has started construction of their pack barn.
 2. Beech Hill Cattle has started construction of their pack barn.
 - b. Round 26
 - i. Extension request has been sent to the State.
 - 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.
 - e. Round 29

- i. Working on design of Dobson Farm’s manure storage.
- f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Jones Beef Farm has completed their silage pad.
 - ii. FL-LOWPA funding is being used as the cost share for the FEMA project in Friendship.
 - iii. We are sponsoring a silvopasture workshop with NRCS and Cooperative Extension. The workshop is October 1, 2024.
- g. AEM
 - i. Working on 4 CNMPs and 2 forestry plans for farms.
 - ii. Will be soil sampling for farms in the county as crops are harvested.
- 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. We have unofficially been approved to the following grants:

Project	State/Federal Funds	SWCD Grant Income	Landowner Amount	SWCD Match	Total	No Till Acres	Cover Crops Acres
Southern Allegany Soil Health Initiative	\$287,650.00	\$18,000.00	\$92,307.00	\$1,450.00	\$399,407.00	2,490	2,570
Lost Valley Farm Soil Health	\$65,625.00	\$9,925.00	\$21,204.00	\$825.00	\$97,579.00	600	600
Bainbridge Farm, LLC Soil Health	\$644,100.00	\$19,625.00	\$214,740.00	\$1,625.00	\$880,090.00	6,000	6,000
Behen Farm Cover Crops	\$38,970.00	\$7,260.00	\$12,452.00	\$600.00	\$59,282.00		450
Total	\$1,036,345.00	\$54,810.00	\$340,703.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,436,358.00	9,090	9,620
Grant Funds Total	\$1,091,155.00		Match Total	\$345,203.00			

- i. FEMA
 - i. Van Campen Creek – Project is approximately 50% complete.
 - ii. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – FEMA has requested a more in-depth archaeological study. The consultant we used is preparing a new proposal.
 - iii. County Road 48 Stabilization – No changes in the last month.
- j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Bainbridge Farm – Designs for manure storage #2 have been completed. We are working on getting bids for the project.
- k. CAFO Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program – reviewing possible projects.
- l. WQIP Grants

- i. Met with the Mayor of Angelica to look at the flooding issues. Will be working on planning for this project this winter.
- ii. The Town of Belfast has completed their salt storage.
- iii. Completing contract documents for projects that were approved from the 2023 WQIP applications.

m. Part B

- i. There is a proposal to change the use of this funding for 2024.

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.
- c. Council House Road – Working on designs for the DEC.
- d. Platt Stream Project – Permit has been approved. Will start this project when we are done in Friendship.
- e. Kailbourne Stream Stabilization– Waiting for permit approval.
- f. Pace Stream Stabilization – damage from Hurricane Debby. Doing permitting for the landowner to stabilize a streambank on his property
- g. Town of Independence – working with NRCS and the Town to possibly secure funding to repair Hesselton and Harrigan Gulley Roads. These roads are currently closed due to Hurricane Debby damage.
- h. We are evaluating several other areas of damage that may be eligible for NRCS funding.

3. Technical Assistance

- a. Assisting the Allegany County Fair with drainage issues.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2024-12 – Approval to sign the 24-25 Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance Contract – Approved (Demick – Cyr)**
- b. **Part B Change – Requesting approval for Hillman Farm Fencing in the amount of \$6,000. The fencing will help expand their current pasture system. The farm anticipates installing an estimated 3,500 feet of High tensile fencing to be used to create additional grazing paddocks. The money was originally for a stream project on Caneadea Creek, but we will not be able to get to this project this year. Approved (Cyr – Ormsby)**

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: October 15, 2024 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:00pm

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman