

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 15, 2025
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

Rod Bennett, Chair
Christain Lewis, Farm Bureau
Kevin (Fred) Demick, Legislator - Absent
Gretchen Hanchett, Legislator
Josh Ormsby, Grange

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31 pm
2. **Minutes of March 18, 2025 Approved (Hanchett - Ormsby)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Ormsby - Lewis)**
 - 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. Closeout has been approved.
 - ii. Cryder Creek Grazing System
 1. Working on closeout.
 - iii. Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2
 1. Working on closeout.
 - iv. Wellsville Water Supply Protection
 1. Working on closeout.
 - b. Round 26
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - c. Round 28
 - i. Barney Farm is pouring the concrete for their silage storage pad soon.
 - d. Round 29
 - i. Working on updated designs for Dobson's manure storage.
 - e. Round 30
 - No changes in the last month
 - f. FL-LOWPA
 - i. Jeff Heitman has started his project.

- ii. Caleb and Katie Renno Beef Farm – Fencing project is schedule to be completed in May.
 - g. AEM
 - i. Continuing to work on CNMPs and farm planning.
 - ii. Working on designs for Dan Nickerson’s pack barn.
 - h. Climate Resilient Farming
 - i. Round 6
 - 1. No changes in the last month.
 - ii. Round 7
 - 1. Jon Nickerson is planning to complete his project this year.
 - iii. Round 8
 - 1. No changes in the last month. Funding is still uncertain.
 - i. FEMA
 - i. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – The archaeological study has been completed. We are waiting for the report to submit to FEMA.
 - ii. County Road 48 Stabilization – working on designs.
 - j. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Bainbridge Farm – project will be restarting soon.
 - k. WQIP Grants
 - i. Working on planning projects.
 - ii. Completing the closeout for the Town of Belfast’s salt storage project.
 - l. Great Lakes Commission Grant
 - i. Working on grant application to stabilize 6 sites on Caneadea Creek. Approximately 2,340’ of streambank will be stabilized.
 - m. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. Part C
 - i. No changes in the last month.
2. Stream Program
- a. Village of Cuba – working on a stream permit for work on Griffith Creek.
 - b. Friendship School – permit has been approved. We are working on a proposal for us to complete the project.
 - c. Kailbourne Stream Stabilization – Project will take place in the spring.
 - d. Todd Philips Stream Stabilization – Waiting for permit approval.
 - e. Town of Independence – continuing to assist the Town with their FEMA paperwork.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. Employee Handbook Updates – There were a few changes regarding Food

expenses while traveling, some changes regarding Holidays, clarification regarding annual leave accrual and vacation and sicktime sellback. Approved (Lewis – Hanchett)

- b. Budget Modification – Approved (Lewis – Ormsby)
 - 1. Expenses:
 - a. Vehicles .461 and .463 – increase from \$60,000 to \$112,000
 - 2. Revenue
 - a. Part C – increase from \$55,000 to \$107,000
 - b. This is to cover the cost of the purchase of the second truck.
- c. Regional Managers Meeting -Directors were given information regarding the upcoming regional managers meeting and were encouraged to attend. They will let us know if they will be attending.
- d. 2022 F-150 Bids – We only received one closed bid for the truck, the minimum bid had to be at least \$28,000.00.
 - 1. Matthew Evans - \$30,001.99

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2025 at 6:00pm – Will be changing time to 6pm until fall to help with attendance conflicts. Approved (Hanchett – Lewis)**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:00pm Approved (Ormsby – Lewis)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman