

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 18, 2025
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies

Nicole Ayers - FSA

1. **Call to Order: 5:39 pm**
2. **Minutes of February 25, 2025 Approved (Ormsby - Lewis)**
3. **Financial Reports – Approved (Hanchett - Ormsby)**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Abstracts
4. **Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS -No Report
 - 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. Closeout has been submitted.
 - 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 27
 - i. Closeout has been approved.
 - d. Round 28
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - e. Round 29
 - i. Working on updated designs for Dobson's manure storage.
 - f. Round 30
 - No changes in the last month
 - g. FL-LOWPA

- i. Jeff Heitman plans to start his project next week.
 - ii. Caleb and Katie Renno Beef Farm – Fencing project is
 - h. AEM
 - i. Continuing to work on CNMPs and farm planning.
 - ii. Working on designs for Dan Nickerson’s pack barn.
 - i. 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. Funding for the projects that were approved was coming from NRCS. Currently the future for the funding is uncertain.
 - j. FEMA
 - i. Genesee River Stabilization at Belfast Phase 2 – The updated proposal for the archaeological study has been approved. We are waiting on a timeline from the consultant to complete the study.
 - ii. County Road 48 Stabilization – working on designs. Met with one of the landowners to get permission to install the project.
 - k. CAFO Waste Storage Grant
 - i. Bainbridge Farm – Extension request has been approved until June 30, 2025.
 - l. WQIP Grants
 - i. Working on planning projects.
 - m. Part B
 - i. No changes in the last month.
 - n. Part C
 - i. Received our funding for 2024 Performance Measures.
- 2. Stream Program
 - a. Friendship School – permit has been approved. We are working on a proposal for us to complete the project.
 - b. Kailbourne Stream Stabilization – Project will take place in the spring.
 - c. Pace Stream Stabilization – Permit has been approved.
 - 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. Part C Performance Measures Award – We qualified for \$231,280.46 by meeting all of our Performance Measures last year.
- b. Annual Reports – Scott included the Annual Reports Summary that was

submitted to the county. It included the District Conservation Programs, Water Resources Management, Conservation Education the district participated in and Revenues for the district.

- c. Allegany County Fairgrounds Funding – The Allegany County Agricultural Society 2024-2025 Drainage Project is looking for our assistance in completing the drainage project at the county fairgrounds. Scott mentioned using \$5,000-\$10,000 of Part C money to help in the completion of this project. Gretchen made a motion to approve. Approved (Hanchett – Ormsby)

7. Announcements

- i. **Next Board Meeting: April 15, 2025 at 5:30pm**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:01pm

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman