

MINUTES
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – August 19, 2025
District Facility, 5390 County Route 48
Belmont, N.Y.

Directors

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

Staff

Scott Torrey, Exec Dir
Tiffany McCumiskey, Secretary

Cooperating Agencies
Ben Renner, NRCS

- 1. Call to Order:** 6:00 pm
- 2. Minutes of July 15, 2025 Approved (Demick - Lewis)**
- 3. Financial Reports – Approved (Lewis - Demick)**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Abstracts
- 4. Cooperating Agency & Staff Reports**
 - a. NRCS – [See attached](#)
 - b. FSA –No Report
 - c. Victor DiGiacomo - Division of Land and Water Resources – [See attached](#)
 - d. Executive Director – [See attached](#)
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. AEM Year 18 Potential Changes – Dan Nickerson is having trouble finding a contractor for his project that is due to be complete by the end of the year. If he cannot find someone, the district is requesting permission to move to funding to a project for Jeremy Hatch for a bedded pack barn. **Approved (Demick – Lewis)**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Gelser Farm Discussion – The Gelser farm has property in Dalton, in Livingston County as well as farmland in Allegany County. They are interested in building a manure storage facility, but the storage would be located in Livingston County. The farm is having trouble getting grant funding from Livingston, and were wondering if Allegany County would be willing to get them funding for the project. The Board decided that they would like the farm to ask Livingston SWCD again to get grant funding, and if they cannot, for Livingston SWCD to ask our district to apply for them on Livingston's behalf. The Board would like a written request from Livingston County asking for the district to apply on their behalf.
 - b. Permission to attend Conservation Skills Workshop – **Approved (Lewis – Demick)**
- 7. Announcements**
 - i. **Next Board Meeting: September 16, 2025 at 6:00pm**
 1. **The meeting will be changed to September 23 at 6:00pm due to attendance conflicts.**

8. Correspondence

9. Adjournment - 6:45pm Approved (Demick - Lewis)

Tiffany A. McCumiskey
Secretary to Board

Rodney Bennett
Chairman