

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10am
Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

Directors:

William Wood, Paul Lauzon
David Vincent, Carl Sherwin
Thomas Derouchie

Staff:

Chastity Miller
Karen Armstrong
Kristin Ballou, Allycia Leach

Other Agencies:

Sarah Trumble-NRCS

Meeting began at 9AM-Quorum present. Called to order by David Vincent

- 1.) Approval of board meeting minutes August 22, 2017. 1st D. Vincent, 2nd P. Lauzon; all in favor carried.
Approval of board meeting minutes October 28, 2017. 1st T. Derouchie, 2nd C. Sherwin; all in favor carried.
- 2.) Financial Reports:
 - a.) Financial Reports were reviewed and **approved** 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd P. Lauzon; all in favor-carried.
 - b.) Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed and **approved** 1st T. Derouchie, 2nd C. Sherwin all in favor- carried.
 - c.) Permission to transfer. \$227.20 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement, \$1,500.00 from checking to retirement. \$16805.00 from Retirement to Checking. **Approved** 1st P. Lauzon 2nd T. Derouchie, all in favor-Carried
- 3.) NRCS
 - Local Working Group will be December 4th at 10am at the Plattsburg USDA Service Center.
 - FY2018: Round 1: Looking good for 2 farms to get funding in Franklin County.
 - 1026's are up to date and keeping up with ones coming in.
 - Looking into getting funding to help farms that are close to watersheds.

Brian Steinmuller- NYS SWCC, Ag and Markets

 - CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer Program grant funding applications are due November 20, 2017 at 4pm.
 - NYS Grown and Certified webinar was set for November 2, 2017.
 - AEM Base Year 13 Interim reports are due December 6th.

FSA

 - No report provided
- 4.) Allycia Leach-AEM, Part B
 - AEM: Tier 1- 16 worksheets were mailed and received 2 completed one back, Tier 2-1 Farm visit completed, Tier 3- 3 grazing plans still in the works, Tier 5A-3 on site visits completed.
 - Completed and submitted AEM Year 13 Interim report. It was approved.
 - Attended the following trainings; NYS Grown & Certified webinar.
 - Assisted with helping develop 4 CAFO applications for State Funding.
 - Working with producers on getting them information needed to obtain NYS Grown & Certified certification.

Kristin Ballou-Part C

 - Finishing up with part c projects. School projects have been completed.
 - Forestry Management plans are moving forward. 3 are completed, 2 are started and 2 more inventories and need to be completed.
 - 1 more private rental on the no-till
 - Applied for 2 Lake Champlain Basin Program Grants. Should hear back by end of December on if successful.

5.) District Managers Report:

- WMP Salmon River: completing the paperwork to close out the grant
- Ag NPS Rd 19-23: Grant Closed out. During the closeout, District identified an area feed that needs to be moved off of old site for one landowner. Landowner is moving the feed but has not completed the task as of yet. Half has been moved.
- Ag NPS Rd 20: Landowner is working with planner to update plan. Has applied for EQIP and waiting.
- Ag NPS Rd 23: 1 out of 5 applications was selected to receive funding! The project is for manure storage and heavy use area in Malone. Total to be funded is \$213,765.00. Total project cost is \$286,620.00 POW has been submitted and waiting comments and contracting.
- Submitted grant request for Rec Park sediment core sampling. Sampling was completed on November 8, 2017.
- WQIP: Town of Franklin and Town of Ft. Covington competed 21 miles and 5AC for this grant.
- Salmon River Flooding Project: assisting with the coordination of developing a plan for potential flooding and get funding from NYSDEC to help with planning. Next meeting is November 28 at 2pm.

6.) Correspondents: Clear Waters, Grass Roots, Adirondack Lake Alliance, Cornell Local Roads Program, Clinton County SWCD Newsletter, NYS Retirement 2x, Part B letter of project approval, NYACD update, NYACD legislative days, Juice plus tax exempt certification, Thank you from Ag Fair Board.

7.) New Business: None at this time

8.) Old Business:

- 2015 F-250 was on Auctions International. After 2 weeks the final bid was for \$24,100.00. After discussion, a motion was made. 1st D. Vincent, 2nd P. Lauzon; **approved**, all in favor, carried

Next meeting will be on Tuesday December 19 @ 9am at the Ag Service Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10am 1st T. Derouchie, 2nd D. Vincent, all in favor-carried

Respectfully,

Karen Armstrong/ Chastity Miller
Secretary/ District Manager