

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm  
Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

### Directors:

Dave Dunn, Tommy Derouchie  
Bill Wood, Steve Gokey  
Andrea Dumas, Ralph Child

### Staff:

Chastity Miller  
Karen Armstrong, Devin Normandeau  
Kristin Ballou, Allycia Leach

### Other Agencies:

Harry Fefee-Contractor

Meeting began at 7:05pm-Quorum present. Called to order by Bill Wood

- 1.) Approval of last board meeting minutes April 24, 2018. 1<sup>st</sup> R. Child, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, **approved**, all in favor Carried.
- 2.) CWICNY: CWICNY has been awarded a joint project through 2017 CFA for BMPs in the Lake Champlain basin. FCSWCD will be holding the funds and dispersing them when required. A separate checking account needs to be opened to hold the money until it is dispersed. **Approved**. 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Dunn, all in favor carried.
- 3.) Financial Reports:
  - a.) Financial Reports were reviewed and **approved** 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child; all in favor-carried.
  - b.) Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed and **approved** 1<sup>st</sup> R. Child, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Dunn, all in favor-carried.
  - c.) Permission to transfer. \$526.50 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement, \$1500.00 from regular checking to retirement savings, \$100.00 from WQCC to NARE, \$79,149.50 from checking to CWICNY, \$581.52 from NARE to Checking and \$53,441.25 from Checking to Ag NPS Rd 23. **Approved** 1<sup>st</sup> T. Derouchie, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Gokey, all in favor-Carried
- 4.) Reports
  - NRCS
    - FY 2019 Funding-74 applications were received for Franklin, Clinton and Essex Counties. 22 will be managed in the Malone Field Office.
    - CRP Grasslands- All contracts are up to date with construction to begin this summer.
    - GRP-Grassed waterway is to be installed next week
    - Food Security Act-Determinations have been issued on 3 potential wetland violation cases. A 4<sup>th</sup> site is being evaluated. No FSA backlog.
  - FSA
    - Dairy Margin Protection Program-Payment software has re-opened and payments will begin this week for producers that have approved contracts.
    - CRP-FSA can resume accepting applications until August 17, 2018. Contracts will begin October 1, 2018
    - County Committee Elections- Nominations will be accepted from June 15<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. Area 1 is being covered. This covers the towns of Altamont, Bombay, Constable, Dickinson, Ft Covington, Hogansburg, Moria and Westville.
  - Ag and Markets-
    - Ag NPS Round 24-RFP is waiting for approval to be released
    - WQIP- Applications are due by July 27 at 4pm
    - 2018 Envirothon Winners-1<sup>st</sup> place went to The Mount Academy in Ulster County. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Rushford Central from Allegany County. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Skaneateles High School from Onondaga County.
    - New York Soil Health Summit- Wednesday, July18, 2018 in Albany.
  - Kristin:
    - CWICNY- Summer fieldwork for 2 grants is in planning along with a septic workshop and legislative tour

- Forestry-working on 2 management plans and 1 plan is complete.
- Intern started on May 21
- LCBP NAACC-Field work will begin this week
- Part B- 4 Forest Management Plans are in the works and setting up inventory
- River sampling is complete
- Attended Ranger Professionals Day and NYS Envirothon

Allycia:

- Working with Harry on getting into new communities
- Moving forward with AEM. Yr 13 closeout and starting work for Yr 14
- 4 on-site visits with farmers
- Assisting the plain sect with water sampling for requirements
- Gathering information from DANC on funding sources for Producers to become NYS Grown and Certified
- Working on details for Grazing workshop, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Karen:

- Working on Ag District forms for opt-in period
- Completed tree sale wrap up
- Assisting BMC with planning of Progressive Ag Safety Day
- Completing monthly payroll, retirement, quarterly taxes and office administration tasks

5.) District Managers Report:

- Ag NPS Rd 23 received contract signed it and returned to state. Waiting for engineered drawings
- CAFO Grants-Waiting for producers to sign contracts.
- Collecting ag district forms to be ready for June submission
- Still assisting with Salmon River Flooding project and the Malone Flooding Project. Met with core group on starting feasibility study.
- Waiting for Ag NPS Rd 24 RFP to be released to apply for 5-6 farms
- CWICNY- FCSWCD was awarded a joint project through CFA 2017 with Essex, Clinton, Washington and Warren counties. Contract is signed and work can begin soon.
- Completed Snowmobile Phase 1
- Working on ATV Easements and trail planning.
- WQIP- Kristin is working on this grant with hopes of it being competed this summer.

6.) Correspondents: Grassroots, Farm Bureau, Chemung County SW newsletter, NYACD April update, Local Roads Program.

7.) New Business:

- Due to the next schedule board meeting, pre-approval was requested for the following:
  - o Harry Fefee \$500.00, insurance stipend karen and chastity \$1500.00, Rent \$1,000.00, medical and dental insurance \$3247.05 and \$134.74, printer lease \$99.06, copies up to \$200.00, W. B. Mason \$71.96, vests for NARE \$300.00, t-shirt winner for NARE \$50.00, Part C Soil health Poppy Dale Farm 24.5 acres \$735.00, Glenngarry Farms 91 acres \$2730.00, Ellsworth Homestead 8 acres \$240.00 and Part C School St. Regis Falls School \$1,500.00. **Approved.** 1<sup>st</sup> A. Dumas, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Gokey, all in favor.
- Due to CAFO contracts being approved, bank accounts need to be opened before vouchers can be sent to the state. Karen requested that accounts be opened. CAFO 32, CAFO 33, CAFO 34 and CAFO 35. Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> A. Dumas, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie all in favor.

8.) Old Business:

- None at this time

**Next meeting will be on Monday July 24 @ 7pm at the Ag Service Center.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm 1<sup>st</sup> D. Dunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, all in favor-carried

Respectfully,

Karen Armstrong/ Chastity Miller  
Secretary/ District Manager

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