

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

Regular Meeting –Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 9:30am  
Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

### Directors:

Tommy Derouchie, David Dunn  
Bill Wood, Steve Gokey  
Ralph Child

### Staff:

Chastity Miller  
Karen Armstrong,  
Kristin Ballou, Allycia Leach

### Other Agencies:

Tricia LaValley-NRCS

Meeting began at 9:35am-Quorum present. Called to order by Bill Wood

- Approval of last board meeting minutes October 23, 2018. 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, **Approved**, all in favor, carried.
- Financial Reports:
  - a.) Financial Reports were reviewed and **Approved** 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie; all in favor, carried.
  - b.) Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed and **Approved** 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie; all in favor, carried.
  - c.) Permission to transfer. \$201.70 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement, \$1500.00 from regular checking to retirement savings, \$334,023.15 from CAFO 32 to Checking, \$19,111.00 from retirement savings to checking and \$200.00 from checking to No-till. **Approved** 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie; all in favor, carried.

### - Reports

#### NRCS

- FY 2019 Funding-Currently have 50 applications all in various stages of eligibility. More applications will be coming in. EQIP-1 applications were due on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for general EQIP and obligations are expected by the end of January. EQIP-2 applications are due January 18, 2019 with obligations sometime in spring.
- WRE- 2 Franklin County easements closed in spring have been obligated for restoration. Plans for restorations in 2019.
- CRP Grasslands- Currently have 4 applications. Grazing plans on 2 applications have been completed.
- GRP-Grassed waterway is installed and moving to finalize contract.
- Food Security Act- Working with FSA and Landowners on 4 CPA-569 wetland violations.

#### FSA

- Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP): Deadline of December 3<sup>rd</sup> for honey & maple syrup.
- Market Facilitation Program (MFP): Deadline is January 15, 2019. MFP authorized payments to producers with commodities impacted by a loss of traditional exports.
- County Committee election ballots are due to FSA by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Ag and Markets

- Statewide managers meeting will be held December 4-5.
- AEM Base year 14 Interim reports are due by December 5, 2018
- Great Lakes Action Agenda Work Group Meeting was held November 7, 2018
- Northeast Region Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) training was held this week.

#### Kristin:

- CWICNY- AARA report is complete and submitted the final report. Planning on setting up a 2<sup>nd</sup> statewide RRAMP meeting.
- LCBP NAACC-conducted 171 assessments and working on final report.
- Moving forward with completing projects for Part C.
- Part C-Finishing up with schools to have projects completed by the end of December.

- Planning Division meeting for December 12.
  - Devin will be back during his winter break to help with implementing FMPs.
- Allycia:
- AEM Yr 14 is moving along. 635 hours completed and \$22,702.75 of Yr 14 budget have been utilized.
  - Working with producers on NYS Grown and Certified grant opportunities. Currently 1 maple producer and 1 beef farmer have been awarded! 4 applications are being reviewed at the State level.
  - Attended 2-Day PSA training in which food safety plan writing was covered.
  - Made a presentation to the legislatures and presented at maple production workshop.
- Karen:
- Getting results back with Nitrate and Chloride testing and sending results to landowners.
  - Mailed out newsletters.
  - Have started yearend reporting.
- District Managers Report:
    - Ag NPS Rd 23 received contract signed it and returned to state. Engineering drawings are under review with NRCS.
    - Ag NPS Rd 24 list has been released. 2 out of 3 applications were awarded!
    - CAFO Grants-All vouchers have been paid for. CAFO 32 and 33 have also been vouchered the 65% BMP. All contracts are moving forward. CAFO 32 is 99% complete.
    - The 3 CFA grants were submitted. We are still waiting on award list.
    - Ag Land Protection: Looking into funding sources to update current ag land protection plan.
    - Along with Kristin, have submitted grants for the Lake Champlain Funding.
  - Correspondents: Resume from Angela Oakes, Excellus-no change in dental plan, Excellus-Rates for 2019, NYACD October, Thank you from CCE for conservation field days, Part B is approved, Sample lumbar moving to an electronic system.
  - New Business:
    - Karen requested of the Board to be able to work with Public Sector HR in regards to the personnel policy. It is severely out of date and in some areas out of compliance with State and Civil Service law. The fee the company would charge for their services is \$1,500.00. After discussion a motion from 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Child, **Approved**, all in favor, carried.
    - With getting closer to closing out the CAFO 32 grant, Chastity requested payment to be made as follow. \$5,000.00 to Champlain Valley Agronomics, \$329,023.00 to CARSADA Dairy, LLC. After discussion a motion from 1<sup>st</sup> R. Child, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, **Approved**, all in favor, carried.
    - With the yearend fast approaching, the Board must decide on a 30 day or 60 day modify accrual. A motion for a 30 day modify accrual was made from 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gokey, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Derouchie, **Approved**, all in favor, carried.
  - Old Business: None at this time

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18 at 9:30am at the Ag Service Center.**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30am

Respectfully,

Karen Armstrong/ Chastity Miller  
Secretary/ District Manager