

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Ag Service Center, Malone, NY

Directors:

Ralph Child
Carl Sherwin
Paul Lauzon
Thomas Derouchie

Staff:

Chastity Miller
Donna Wright
Kristin Ballou
Allycia Leach

Meeting began at 7:02 p.m. - Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Ralph Child.

- 1.) Approval of last board meeting minutes of June 24, 2019. Approved: 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd t. Derouchie, all in favor, carried.
- 2.) **Financial Reports:**
 - Financial Reports were reviewed, motion to approve by C. Sherwin
Approved 1st R. Child, 2nd T. Derouchie; all in favor-carried.
 - Abstract and Vouchers were reviewed, motion to approve by C. Sherwin
Approved 1st R. Child, 2nd T. Derouchie, all in favor- carried.
 - Permission to transfer. \$250.00 from regular checking to T/A account for monthly employee retirement (July), \$1,500.00 from regular checking to retirement savings, \$200.00 from checking to no-till,. Motion to approve by R. Child
Approved 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd P. Lauzon, all in favor-Carried
- 3.) **Reports**
 - NRCS – none provided**
 - FSA - none provided**
 - Ag and Markets-**
 - Irrigation Water Management Training August 13th – August 15th concentration on micro irrigation.
 - Community Resiliency Training Program Funding – funding to provide increase resiliency to future flooding and outbreaks of harmful algal blooms in high risk waterbodies. Enrollment until February 2022. Questions lauren.prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov
 - Ag Non-Point Source Program Round 25 – \$15 million available to support agricultural water quality conservation projects. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 PM July 22, 2019.
 - June SWCC Meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019.
 - AEM Year 14 – closeouts due by July 10th AEM Year 14 documents are on SharePoint.
 - Grasstravaganza 2019: SUNY Cobleskill, July 25th – July 27th, “Health and Resiliency from Soil to Table”. Register at <https://web.cobleskill.edu/grasstravaganza/registration/>
 - 6th Annual Harmful Algal Bloom Symposium – Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY.
 - North Central/Northern Plains Regional Leadership Conference- August 13th-14th Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD. Register at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/LacQuiParleSWCD/>
 - Consolidated Funding Application – Round IX now open, more than \$750 Million in state economic development resources. Applications due by 4:00 PM July 26, 2019.
 - USEPA LLRI Request for applications: US EPA accepting applications until July 12th, expects to award about \$14 million for about 30 projects to address excess nutrients/stormwater runoff.

Allycia:

AEM

- Tier 1 Worksheets – 4 sent back; 3 site visits set up
- Tier 2 Site Visits - set up
- Tier 3a – Finished 5 Cover Crop plans, working on 2 Grazing plans
- Tier 5a – 4 sent back; 2 sites visits scheduled

Started AEM Strategic Plan 2020-2026

CAFO.

- Took photos at Sunset and Ooms

AG NPS

- 4 grants written and submitted
 - 1 Soil Health (Cover Crop Grant)
 - 1 Heavy Use/Barnyard
 - 1 Silage Leachate
 - 1 CNMP Plan writing

Soil and Health

- Writing plans, checking growth of crops planted, paperwork signing

Conservation in the Community

- Legislature Presentation 7/3
- Brushton Day Camp (Invasive Plants) 7/11

Invasive Species:

- Monitoring in Saranac Lake
- Water Monitoring in Tupper Lake

Trainings/Workshops

- Invasive Species /10

AG Land Protection

- Meeting 7/23

Next Month

- Set up for the Fair which is 8/2-8/11, Dairy Booth coverage 8/6, Kid's Day 8/8
- AEM site visits
- Irrigation Mgmt. Workshop 8/13-8/15
- Ag Assessment/Ag District Workshop 8/22, Malone 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Japanese Knotweed Water monitoring
- NY State Fair SWCD Booth 8/29

Kristin:

AEM:

- Working on Forest Conservation Plans and 3A training for Con Skills in September

Meetings

- WQS Planning Meeting
- CSICNY Meeting
- EAB Task Force Meeting

Part B

- 4 Forest Management Plans, 2 plans almost complete

Part C

- 2019 projects-proposals approved, working on schools that did not respond (Chateaugay, Freedom School, P-Tech/Malone)
-2019 School Funding Program \$15,000 (\$1,500 per school)
- Invasive Species \$10,000 – Inventory in Tupper Lake/Saranac Lake of Japanese knotweed and EAB Monitoring and surveillance
 - Allycia has been conducting monitoring and mapping of Japanese Knotweed and held a workshop

- Sentinel trees established, Devin has been monitoring traps/has had EAB in one trap in Bombay State Forest. Lots of site visits with landowners wanting their trees looked at
- River Sampling (previously Part B) \$7,000-spring/fall sampling
- Conservation in the Community \$14,000
 - Continuing to meet with landowners regarding forestry practice options, water kits, ID books.
 - 30 at home kits for Malone Middle School Education/Workshops \$10,000(High Tunnel, Invasive Species)
- Rent/Utilities\$16,000
- Soil Health – 278.6 acres planted to date (one more landowner to inter-seed, some interest in cover crops)
- Sea Grant NAACC Grant 2019 Waiting on signed contract, assessments have begun/30 complete/lots more to go
- WQIP Round 12 – 77.5 complete (22.5 miles to go)

Next Month: EAB Task Force 7/30/19, SRMT Community Mtg., Forest Mgmt. Plan review w/landowners, timber inventories and marking, culvert assessments, FC Fair, Irrigation Workshop, WQC Mtg.

Devin

Emerald Ash Borer Monitoring

- Attended EAB Task Force meeting
- Checked 25 traps/every 2 weeks
- EAB found in trap in St. Lawrence County (1.7 miles from Franklin County)

Hydroseeding in Malone (Junction Road)

Attended Franklin County Legislative Meeting on July 3rd

Forest Inventories and management plans

Invasive Species

- Japanese Knotweed surveying in Tupper Lake
- Invasive species workshop in Tupper Lake

Next Month: attend Wetland Delineation Training 7/24-7/26, EAB Task Force Meeting 7/30

Donna:

Weekly

- Payroll and Deferred Compensation submitted.

Monthly

- submit NYS Taxes, NYS Retirement, Federal Taxes, prepare for board meeting, reconcile bank accounts, prepare Quick Books reports
- Updated the customer mailing list and added new customers

Daily

- I answer the main phone line, assist as many people as possible or transfer call to proper person.
- Assist Chas, Kristin and Allycia whenever possible.
- Make weekly bank deposits or whenever necessary
- Make bank deposits when needed.
- Receipt in money received through Quickbooks
- Continuously prepare for the board meeting throughout the month.

When needed

- Assisted mailing out the Quarterly Newsletter

- I did my first set of quarterly reports.
- I attended a Franklin Cty Board of Legislators' meeting, where Allycia gave a great presentation.
- I went on a site visit with Kristin to the Sunset Farm in Burke.
- I assisted Chas at the Brushton Day Camp, 7/23

Next Month

- Assist setting up our Franklin Cty Fair Booth, assist Chas 8/7 at the Dairy Booth, and assist other days when needed. I will be assisting Chas with the SLRWP program and a few other projects soon. I'm eager to learn more and more to assist everyone in the office.

4.) **District Managers Report:**

Agricultural Non-Point Source Grants

- Ag NPS Rd 24 received contracts, signed and mailed back to state. Working on landowner contracts. Both have been in contact with engineers.
- Ag NPS Rd 25 – we submitted 4 applications. Allycia did a work them. We are hopeful!

CAFO Manure Storage Grants Round 1

- CAFO: 33 – Constable- Under construction
- CAFO 35 - Chateaugay –Engineering and planning.
- CAFO 34 – Burke – Meeting w/Engineer on site tomorrow for final construction checks.

CAFO Manure Storage Grants Round 3 –

- Round 3 - Just awarded, waiting on paperwork.

CFA:

- WGIP- Hydroseeding (Chas)
- CFA WQIP Planning – Culvert Assessments & RRAMP (Kristin)

AG Land Protection –

- Public opt in period June 1st – 30th. Have many applicants now and Allycia is compiling them. Meeting in July and Public Hearing on August 15th and public hearing on September 5th.
- Continuing to work on work plan for Rec Park/Village of Malone/had site visit 6/13
- WQCC – Successful meeting on June 19th. Next meeting scheduled for August 21 at 1 p.m.
- ATV Training/planning – local active group trying to help us more. Meetings will be first Tuesdays of the month, every other month, 2nd floor conference room, Franklin County Court House
- Was able to get a CFA grant for Village of Malone.
- Franklin County Fair- putting things together such as a grazing section, tree ID contest, EM river and to participate in Kids day again.

August meetings

- Board meeting – July 23rd
- Ag District/Ag Land Protection – July 23rd
- NYACD 7pm Conference call – July 24th
- CFAs due July 26th
- August 1st Set up for the Fair
- ALA Conference Panel – Aug 1st
- OFF August 2nd and 5th
- EEF call – Aug 5th
- Dairy Booth – Aug 6th and 9th
- Kids day – Aug 8th
- State Technical meeting for NRCS – Telecommerce 8/14th
- SWCC Meeting – Aug 20th
- WQCC Meeting – Aug 21st at 1p.m.
- Ag District and Ag Assessment workshop 6:30 PM
- NEACD meeting in CT – Aug 25-27, travel back Aug 28th
- NYS Envirothon – Aug 29th

5.) **Correspondences:** Grassroots, Albany Farm Bureau Newsletter, Erie County SWCD Newsletter, National Association of Conservation District renewal membership letter.

6.) **New Business:**

- Irrigation Water Mgmt. Training scheduled for August 13-August 15, 2019 - Chastity requested approval for Kristin and Allycia to attend
Approved 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd P. Lauzon, all in favor, carried
- Champlain Water Shed Improvement Coalition of NY (CWICNY) District Representative – Chastity is currently the District Rep and she requested it be changed to Kristin Ballou.
Approved 1st C. Sherwin, /2nd P. Lauzon, all in favor, carried
- Mileage Reimbursement – Chastity requested up to \$350.00 for mileage reimbursement for Devin Normandeau to attend the Wetland Delineation Training scheduled for 7/24-7/26-19.
Approved 1st T. Derouchie, 2nd P. Lauzon, all in favor, carried.
- NYSACD Conference – scheduled for 10/22-10/24/19. Chastity requested three people attend @ \$515.00 per person (Chastity, Donna and a board member-T. Derouchie agreed to attend)
Approved 1st C. Sherwin, 2nd P. Lauzon. All in favor, carried.

7.) **Old Business:**

None

Motion made by R. Childs to not hold a board meeting during the month of August 2019,
Approved 1st P. Lauzon, 2nd C. Sherwin, all in favor, carried.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the AG Service Center, Malone, NY

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wright / Chastity Miller
Secretary / District Manager