



CHENANGO COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting
12/18/2025 1:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Joseph Henninge Member at Large
Sue McIntyre Legislative Rep
Jim Jenne Grange Rep

Board Member Absent:

John Lawrence Legislative Rep
Terry Ives Chenango Farm Bureau

Agency Staff Present:

Katy Kemmeren CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly CCSWCD
William Kelsey CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza CCSWCD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from November were approved as presented with one correction to a misspelled name. — Joe moved to approve, and Jim seconded the motion. There were three votes in favor and two absent. Consequently, the motion was adopted.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The bills were presented. Sue moved to pay \$271,462.05 to Winsor Acres for the Ag Non-Point Source Round 29 Project. NRCS's payment for its part of the project has been delayed. Joe motioned to approve their payment as submitted. Joe seconded the motion. Three members were in favor, and two were absent. The motion was approved. Jim made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Joe seconded it. Three members were in favor, and two were absent. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

Paul Romanako was absent, and no report was submitted.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

Craig Brown was absent, and no report was submitted.

Soil and Water Conservation Committee (SWCC)

Scott Fickbohm shared the SWCC monthly report digitally. Attachment A.

Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)

Brian Sheridan was absent, and no report was submitted.

There was mention of a new program recently announced. The Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) Program is a \$12 billion initiative that provides one-time payments to row crop farmers for 2025 losses caused by market disruptions, high costs, and trade issues. Payments are expected in late February 2026, according to *usda.gov*.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

Eric Fisher was absent, and no report was submitted.

There was a mention of a recently announced program: the \$700 million Regenerative Ag Pilot Program. The application deadline is sometime from mid-to-late January 2026.

Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)

Jennifer submitted a written report, Attachment B.

A discussion took place about the upcoming Legislative Days in February, organized by NYACD and hosted in collaboration with the New York State Farm Bureau.

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

No updates to share.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

No updates to share.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) / Environmental Management Committee (EMC)

No updates to share.

OLD BUSINESS: ***AEM 2026-2030 Strategic Plan*** - Jennifer circulated the final version of the strategic plan. The plan is scheduled for submission to the state by December 31st.

NEW BUSINESS: ***NYACD***- Sue reported that she and Terry attended the monthly NYACD meeting virtually.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer