



CHENANGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

1:00 PM THURSDAY, JULY 27TH, 2023

USDA Conference Room, 99 North Broad St, Norwich NY

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Approval of Minutes.

Payment and Approval of Bills.

Report of Cooperating Agencies.

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| • Department of Environmental Conservation | Paul Romanenko |
| • Cornell Cooperative Extension | Craig Brown |
| • Natural Resources Conservation Service | Kareem Adeleke |
| • Farm Service Agency | Brian Sheridan |
| • Soil and Water Conservation District | Jennifer Kelly |
| • Upper Susquehanna Coalition | Jennifer Kelly |
| • Fish & Wildlife Management Board | Jacob Welsh |
| • Water Quality Coordinating Committee | |

Old Business.

New Business.

- Friends of Rogers Staff
- WQIP application

Adjourn.



Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
June 15th, 2023
1:00 PM

District Board Members Present:

John Lawrence	Chairman
Sue McIntyre	Member
James Jenne	Member

Agency Staff Present:

Katy Kemmeren	CCSWCD
Jennifer Kelly	CCSWCD
Riley Krupitza	CCSWCD
Jacob Welsh	CCSWCD
Brian Sheridan	USDA-FSA
Kareem Adeleke	USDA-NRCS

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May minutes were approved as presented.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The May-June bills were approved as presented.

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

No report provided, no one present.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

No report provided, no one present.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

Kareem was in attendance and provided a written report. Attachment A.

Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)

Brian reported that the annual crop reporting deadline is July 15th. The local hay crop is low this year is what many producers have been saying due to the lack of rain earlier this growing season.

PARP (Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program) took application until June 2nd. This program assisted eligible producers of agricultural commodities who experienced a decrease in the 2020 year compared to 2018 or 2019 due to the pandemic.

The annual sign up for DMC (Dairy Margin Coverage) program ended February 18th. This is an optional program for dairy producers to sign up for, this year the office saw many producers' opt-in as there are many expected payments for the 2023 calendar year.

Lastly, CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) also has several upcoming contracts with landowners as many have chosen to plant trees. The district has been working with the plans and coordination of the planting crews.

Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)

Jennifer provided a written report. Attachment B

Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC)

Nothing to report.

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)

No report provided, no one present.

Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC)

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 Part C Community Grant: The special meeting held May 31st but unfortunately the attendees needed more time to review applications. Board members were asked to review applications prior to today's meeting. The scoring table is as follows:

Applicant	Project	Average Score (40 max)
City of Norwich	Well 4 Commission Permit	38
Town of Guilford	Culvert Replacement	37
Town of Oxford	Vroman Hill Rd Project	36
Plymouth Reservoir	Dam Rehabilitation	36
Town of North Norwich	Galena Parking Lot-Handicap Parking	32
Town of Bainbridge	Community Trail Resurfacing	31
Friends of Rogers	Adams Farm Revival	31
Town of Guilford	Lake Summer Program Shed	27
Lake Gerry Association	Waterbug – Weed Harvester	20

Sue moved to award the winning applications that scored 27 or more. Seconded by Jim. (Sue abstained from the Town of Guilford projects) 3-aye 0-nay 2-absent. Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Correspondence: None

Adjourn: 4:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

United States Department of Agriculture



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DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: NRCS Report

FROM: Alana Covington, District Conservationist

TO: Chenango County Board Meeting

I. Farm Bill Programs

- EQIP- 3 new farmstead applications were selected for funding:
 - Carl Schwartz- Chenango (he decided to defer to FY2024)
 - Deer Meadow Farms (Carl & Dean Cummings)- Chenango
 - Mead Farms- Tioga
- Staff are also working on completing 7 new Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) applications.
 - Previous EQIP applications that qualify based on practices are also being included for IRA ranking (we have many throughout the team)

II. Staffing

- Juliaana Fitts, summer Intern, in Binghamton F.O. started May 29th. She's working on Food Security Act Compliance Reviews and annual wetland monitoring.
- Other positions have been advertised. Offers are currently being made.
- Soil Conservationist position in Norwich was accepted and new employee is expected to start in mid - late July.

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CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- Hanehan Family Dairy, LLC – The contractor set the date to begin construction in early July. The construction of this pit will conclude all the CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer Program projects in the county.
- Perrin CREP project – The District received bids for the fence installation. Timberline Fence out of Port Byron, NY.
- New Riparian Forest Buffer Site Projects: The district has sent 3 new buffer sites and 2 upland buffer projects out to bid for fall plantings. The total acreage is 31.6 acres of riparian buffers and 6.9 acres in upland plantings. We hope to plant all sites in the fall of 2023.
- The district has completed the first mowing and tube maintenance on 6 buffer sites so far. We will be contracting out mowing activities on two larger sites for mowing shortly.
- Cook Park Part C project- The design was revised and approved by the County for a smaller leach field. The re-bid for that will go out this month.
- The district is still working on completing the QA/QC contract deliverables for the USC.

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

- The district assisted a farm with a mine reclamation plan. The farmer wants to remove a gravel deposit to level out a crop field. – Town of Greene.
- YMCA Camp Thompson- The dam and spillway at Camp Thompson suffered damage from beaver activity over the winter. The principal spillway was plugged and there was considerable flow over the emergency spillway that resulted in severe damage to the outfall of the spillway. The district is working with Jamy Mullen from the YMCA and Dave Walowsky to determine what could be done to remedy the erosion. There is a DEC dam inspection scheduled for next week where we'll be able to discuss the options.
- Frank Adinoli-Town of Oxford. Drainage and forest management TA.
- Ken Larchar – Town of Columbus, Farm visit.
- Kristine Snyder – Town of Afton, Pond inquiry.
- Carol Desousa – Town of Sherburne, sink hole issue.
- Chris and Sam Kemnah – Town of New Berlin, Farm visit.
- Robert MacLaren – Town of Bainbridge – stream permit.
- Mike Johnson-Town of Columbus- stream permit.

DISTRICT FUNDING & OPERATIONS

- The district is working on a grant application for 5 farms in the County for waste management and barnyard management through Round 29 AgNonPSPA&CP, resolution of the board is required to submit.
- This District submitted a letter of support to the City of Norwich for an application to the NYS DEC Urban Forest Grant program. The grant application is to support funding for a tree assessment, inventory, and an urban forest management plan.
- Once again, the Class C Stream bill passed both the Assembly and the Senate. The bill is currently on the Governor's desk for decision.
- I followed up with the Nature Conservancy and their request for TA for the Family Forest Carbon Program – Jefferson County SWCD is currently working on a contract with TNC to do the same work. I have not yet received a proposal yet for our involvement, so I haven't followed up with Jefferson County on their thoughts. I did ask a few more questions about the process of handling request, forester requirements and their data security protocols.

DISTRICT SALES

ENVIROTHON

- May 24 & 25 was the New York State Envirothon held in Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva NY. Chenango County attended and placed 34th out of 42 teams. Onondaga County placed 2nd overall and was high Oral Presentation. They were 21 points away from 1st place.

AGRICULTURAL WORKSHEETS

- Rick & Paula Barnes – Town of Linchlaen