



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

1:00 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 15th, 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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| ○ <i>Department of Environmental Conservation</i> | <i>Paul Romanenko</i> |
| ○ <i>Cornell Cooperative Extension</i> | <i>Craig Brown</i> |
| ○ <i>Natural Resources Conservation Service</i> | <i>Alana Covington</i> |
| ○ <i>Farm Service Agency</i> | <i>Brian Sheridan</i> |
| ○ <i>Soil and Water Conservation District</i> | <i>Jennifer Kelly</i> |
| ○ <i>NYS SWCC</i> | <i>Scott Fickbohm</i> |
| ○ <i>Upper Susquehanna Coalition</i> | <i>Jennifer Kelly</i> |
| ○ <i>Fish & Wildlife Management Board</i> | <i>Jacob Welsh</i> |
| ○ <i>Water Quality Coordinating Committee</i> | |

Old Business.

- Part C Grant Application Ranking/Review

New Business.

- Resolution 23-2 – Authorizing participation by the Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District in the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program Round 29 created pursuant to section 11-b of the New York State Soil and Water Conservation District Law.

Adjourn.



Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

May 18th, 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
Craig Brown	CCE-CHENANGO

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

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

REPORTS:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

No report provided, no one present.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Chenango)

Craig reported that there have been some building updates such as the brush being cleared from the south side of the building and working on hooking up the building security cameras.

Dairy Day planning is underway, and the coloring contest is available to children to participate in.

Agriculture Natural Resources Development Council (ANRDC) meeting is scheduled for next week.

Youth Programming includes fishing, hiking as well as SNAP-ED & Agriculture in the Classroom beef grants.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

No report provided, no one present.

Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)

No report provided, no one present.

Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)

Jennifer provided a written report (Attachment A). There was also discussion about the Perrin CREP/AEM project and the Forest Family Carbon Credit Program.

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: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Part C Community Grant: The Board and Staff began reviewing the submitted grant applications. It was decided at 3:45pm that there needed to be a special follow up meeting on May 31st via teams to finish discussion.

Correspondence: None

John left the meeting at 4:03pm

Adjourn: 4:10pm

Respectfully Submitted

Katy Kemmeren

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

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CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- Hanehan Family Dairy, LLC – The District received bids for the project and MD Excavation was the lowest bidder. The farm has selected the lowest bidder for the project. We are now in the contracting phase of the project and will hopefully begin construction next month. The District submitted another request to the SWCC (Soil and Water Conservation Committee) for a time extension because the current deadline is September 1, 2023. We hope to have the project completed by Fall.
- Perrin CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) project – After several discussions with the farmer, I believe we are finally on the same page to begin to move forward with the project. *Funded by CREP and NYS AEM (Agricultural Environmental Management) Round 17 Implementation.*
- Chenango Greenway Patsy Riverview project- The Greenway completed construction of a new parking lot and develop walking trails just north of Matthews Ford. This project was partially funded through *the 2022 Part C SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) Community Grant Program.*
- Riparian forest buffer sites – the district has begun stewarding the nearly 90 acres of riparian forest buffers that have been planted within the last 5 years. Activities at each site include re-staking, tree shelter adjustments, and weed control.
- AEM Database QA/QC – We have also been working on making updates and verifying BMPs (Best Management Practice) in the AEM database. The QA/QC aspect is an annual activity that the Chesapeake Bay Program requires to run their mid-year and end of year assessments of nutrients delivered to the Bay.
- Clark Farm, Town of Unadilla- The district has begun to survey and design a barnyard and short-term manure storage for the farm. For funding eligibility, the district is also doing some soil sampling to develop a cropland management plan. *Funding sought from NYS AgNonPSPA&CP.*
- Staley Farm, Town of Lincklaen – The District submitted a watering system and fence design to the USC (Upper Susquehanna Coalition) engineer for approval. We are planning to install an access control system on the farm this summer. *Funded by the USC Water Quality Program.*

SWCD LANDOWNER & MUNICIPALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

- Town of Oxford Box Culvert
 - Design with a permit application to address issues from a partially plugged box culvert.
- Indian Camp Farm
 - Design and a permit application for a bank re-build and stabilization adjacent to a crop field.
- Kevin Struble, Town of Oxford – Stream permit

DISTRICT FUNDING & OPERATIONS

- The District has hired two new staff members, Jerry Boyd, and Destiny Teachout. Jerry is working part time to assist with the field work and Destiny is our summer buffer steward.
- 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.
- The SWCD Community Grant Program applications were due May 15, 2023. We received 9 applications requesting \$114,600.00 in total.
- The District was approached by The Nature Conservancy to provide technical assistance to their Community Forest Carbon Program. The Nature Conservancy is rolling out this program to offer payments to landowner to enroll their farmland for carbon sequestration. The District's role would provide forest management plan documents, perform site visits, and outreach activities.

ENVIROTHON

- The NYS Envirothon will be held next week at Hobart William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. Chenango County will be represented by a team from Greene HS. We wish them the best of luck at the event!
- 3 district staff members will be attending the event to volunteer. Volunteers are a critical component of each Envirothon. Thank you to the staff for going beyond to help make the event a wonderful experience for the participants.

DISTRICT SALES

- The district tree program was successful again this year. Packaging and pickup went smoothly, and there were no significant issues to report with the tree and shrub stock. I would like to thank the District Staff for their hard work to make the program as successful as it is. This year we had 138 prepaid orders and several walk-ins at pickup.
- The district fish program was also a success. We have a new vendor from the Binghamton area. They made the process remarkably simple, and the customers seemed to enjoy *grab-and-go* with their orders. This year we had 12 customers.

AGRICULTURAL WORKSHEETS

- Joyce Robinson- Town of Bainbridge

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