

NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee
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STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 19, 2006
NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, PONY Room
Albany, NY

Present: D. Hill, B. Aman, D. Stein, J. Dickinson, Voting Members; R. Kaplewicz, Director; M. Latham, Assistant Director; R. Zimmerman, J. Rusnica, M. Scott, Ag. and Markets; B. Steinmuller, N. Lawler, R. Lewis, L. Travis, R. Rausch, C. Frasier, J. Ten Eyck, B. Silvestri (Schenectady SWCD), J. Hamilton (Saratoga SWCD), L. Prezorski (Dutchess SWCD), SWCC Staff; D. DeWeese, R. Young, NRCS; A. Barber, NYSCDEA; J. Graff, DOS; G. Chartier, DEC; J. Tauzel, NYFB; K. Czymmek, D. Grantham, CCE; P. Black, C. Falco, SUNYESF; P. Kaczmarczyk, NYSDOH.

Call to Order:

D. Hill called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Introductions made.

Review and Approval of Minutes

D. Stein moved to approve the October minutes as presented; seconded by B. Aman. Motion passed; carried.

Correspondence

Letters & Memos

October 20, 2006 letter to Angus Eaton, DEC, from William Kimball, Ag Protection, regarding Sample Local Law for Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control (Revised 3/06).

November 3, 2006 letter to George R. Stafford, Department of State, from Ag. & Markets Commissioner Patrick H. Brennan designating Ronald Kaplewicz as the Department's representative on the New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Council.

November 9, 2006 memo from James DeZolt, DEC, announcing Louise King as DOW's Stormwater Training Manager.

November 9, 2006 letter from Mark Watts, District Manager at Chemung County SWCD, to Joanne Parker, NYS DEC, regarding Proposed Changes to Parts 608 and 673 of the NYS Dam Safety Program.

November 20, 2006 memo from Brian Steinmuller to the recipients of Round XIII Ag Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Grants. .

November 21, 2006 letter to Ron Kaplewicz from Mark Watts, District Manager of the Chemung County SWCD, regarding submission of points for district farms in the AEM Program.

December 11, 2006 letter to Dennis Hill from Stephen Hoerz, Schoharie County SWCD, regarding time extension amendment request for Round 9 Contract C700725.

December 12, 2006 letter from Shelby Greene Zarlin of New City, NY, to Town of Clarkson Supervisor Alex Gromack regarding a request for a meeting to resolve a drainage problem created by the township at the Zarlin dam and pond. Copies of letter included Ron Kaplewicz.

Reports & Newsletters

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Agriculture News; September 2006: NASS to Assess Benefits of Conservation Programs: October 2006: NY Egg Production for September; NY Fruit Tree and

Vineyard Survey to be Conducted; November 2006: October Milk Prices Increased from September; NY Egg Production for October; Milk Production for October; NY Potato Production; NY Grain, Soybean and Potato Production; End of Season Surveys to Begin; Floriculture Production Survey Mailed; Milk Prices for November; NY Dry Bean Production. Estuary news – newsletter of the partnership of the Delaware Estuary, Fall 2006; Bay Journal for October 2006; The Upper Delaware, Fall 2006; Green Scaping – EPA; USDA Economic Research Report Number 25; CFA News – Fall 2006; Taking Root – Summer/ Fall 2006; Catskill Center News – Volume 35, No. 2; NYS DEC Division of Water's Annual Report for 2005; Rural America At A Glance 2006 Edition – Economic Information Bulletin Number 18; CDEA News – November 2006 and December 2006; "Watershed Farm & Forest" – Stewardship Programs of the Watershed Agricultural Council October 2006; "Waterworks" – NYS Federation of Lake Associations Inc. October 2006; US Forest Service report regarding the Forest Land Enhancement Program; "Nuggets & Nibbles" from the Cornell Local Roads Program, October 2006; The New York State Agricultural Society invitation to attend their 175th Annual meeting and Agricultural Forum on January 11, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Syracuse, NY; Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plant Update 2006; NYACD FYI Newsletter for October 2006; Bay Journal for November 2006; "The Lake Reported" – a publication of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Alliance for November 2006; NYSERDA Announcement: Next Generation Emerging Technologies for End-use Efficiency – Program Opportunity Notice No. 1105; LEAD New York (The Empire State Food & Agricultural Leadership Institute), fall 2006; ERS Report Summary, Markets and Trade (US Department of Agriculture) November 2006; The Delaware Estuary.

R. Kaplewicz read the memo from James DeZolt, DEC, announcing Louise King as DOW's Stormwater Training Manager. G. Chartier stated the training would include land development, local code enforcement and inspection.

R. Kaplewicz read the letter from Mark Watts, District Manager at Chemung County SWCD regarding the AEM database. R. Rausch and J. Ten Eyck stated the relationship of data management to AEM, FOIL issues, etc. would be discussed at the AEM meeting on January 24, 2007.

R. Kaplewicz read the letter to Dennis Hill from S. Hoerz, Schoharie County SWCD regarding time extension amendment request for Round 9 Contract C700725. B. Steinmuller stated that it is not necessary to reapprove wording for amendment. Change resolution in minutes.

D. Hill read letter from R. Zimmerman expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve the SWCC.

Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program – B. Steinmuller

STATUS OF ROUNDS I-XII

Of 407 projects, 137 are active, 18 are pending (including 1 Round 7), and 252 are complete.

B. Steinmuller read letter from Sandy Huey regarding Spruce Haven Farm (Round VII) in design phase. Need to put development plan of work in place by summer. Doug Young is to meet with the District Friday, December 22, 2006 regarding official amendment form. L. Travis may attend that meeting. Global Common is working with Spruce Haven Farm. Cayuga County is to decide on the January 15, 2007 deadline. B. Steinmuller recommends accepting the letter and approving the January 15, 2007 deadline.

Time Extension Policy Recommendation

Background

The State Committee staff met on November 2nd to, in part, discuss the current time extension policy. The TAC met on November 9th to recommend a revised amendment policy as it relates to time extensions.

Currently, the term for contracts is two years, providing for two construction seasons. The State Committee field staff can approve a time extension of up to 24 months from the original end date. Outside of this term, a contract can be extended by a majority vote of the SWCC. Contracts extending beyond five years have become a regular occurrence.

The Office of the State Comptroller approves the procurement for each round of funding for a five year period. When a contract is extended beyond five years, the sponsoring District needs to provide sufficient justification to the OSC.

Other problems occur with lingering contracts. Projects under longstanding contracts tend to encounter increasing costs for materials and technical assistance. This results in an increased contribution from either the District or the farmer. Districts with outstanding contracts are also at a disadvantage when proposing new projects pursuant to subsequent rounds. Proposal evaluators consider the District's timely completion of grants. Many Districts incur contracts under each round without completing outstanding contracts from previous rounds.

The SWCC agrees that contract delays are often beyond the control of the sponsoring District. However, the current policy lends to numerous longstanding contracts extended well beyond the original procurement of the program.

Recommendations

The intent is to significantly reduce or eliminate contracts that extend past the five year procurement for a respective round.

The TAC discussed two recommendations on this issue:

1. The first recommendation is to execute three year contracts with a possible 24 month time extension approvable by the SWCC field staff. The only justification that would extend a contract beyond the five year time frame would be for an implementation contract where construction has already begun and it was delayed due to an extenuating circumstance (e.g. extreme weather conditions not allowing the contractor to complete the practice or creating an imminent pollution concern by not extending the contract). This example would only be approvable by the SWCC.
2. The second recommendation is to continue to execute two year contracts with a possible 24 month extension approvable by the SWCC field staff. A fifth year could be granted by the SWCC in case of an extenuating circumstance where construction has already begun. With this suggestion, absolutely no contracts would be extended beyond five years.

After discussing the merits of both, the TAC reached consensus on the first recommendation. However, it was suggested that the SWCC consider both recommendations before making the policy decision at the next SWCC meeting.

If the Committee approves either recommendation, it should take affect with recently executed contracts (contracts executed from Round 10 – 12) and new plans of work under Round 13.

Additional Guidance

If the contract was already executed for a two year time period, then the field staff could approve up to a 36 month time extension. Outside of that term, the SWCC could consider allowing additional time under extenuating circumstances where construction has already begun or by not completing the practice an imminent pollution problem will be created or exacerbated.

If the contract was executed for a three year period, the field staff could approve an extension up to 24 months. Outside of that term, the SWCC could consider an additional time extension only to complete a project where construction has already begun and it was delayed by an extenuating circumstance or by not completing the practice an imminent pollution problem will be created or exacerbated.

B. Aman recommended education to farmers on how to apply for funding. He noted extensions occur often due to not having the funds in a timely manner.

A. Barber recommended extensions be granted on a case-by-case basis. Often delays are due to engineering backlog and beyond control of landowner and/or district.

D. Stein agreed timelines need to be determined and adhered to. He stated most extensions appear to be due to landowner changing hands.

L. Prezorski stated all amendment forms are followed up on.

B. Aman indicated as a voting member, he would like to approve all contract extensions, but agreed deadlines need to be in place.

K. Czymmek stated many extensions are based on scope of work and time frames, weather. Noted this is another reason AEM base program is so important.

A. Barber recommended after five years, need new approval letter, with landowner commitment letter, for extension with more detail in amendment.

P. Kaczmarczyk agreed five years should be strictly enforced.

G. Chartier recommended limit on time extension beyond five years. Recommends one year total extension for a total of six years.

M. Scott stated the Division of Budget requests details on reappropriations.

R. Young stated extensions occur often due to limited amount of funding and contractor delays.

D. Stein moved to approve the first recommendation providing that sufficient documentation of the need for additional time beyond 5 years, including renewed commitment letters, accompany the no-cost time extension request and that the SWCC can only approve a one year extension beyond the fifth year; beginning with Round 10 expiring 12/31/06; seconded by B. Aman. Motion passed; carried.

D. Hill recognized R. Zimmerman for his years of dedicated service to the State Committee.

Amendments for State Committee Consideration

1. St. Lawrence SWCD – St. Regis River Implementation – Round IX – C700724

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 10/23/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to landowner change, design delays and weather related delays.

Previous amendments: 2 time extensions, 2 changes to scope.

Note: S. Lanthier, Region 4 AEA, recommends approval.

D. Stein moved to approve the time extension; seconded by J. Dickinson; motion passed carried.

2. Saratoga SWCD – Bacon Hill Agricultural Project – Phase 1 –Round VIII- C700692

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to engineering and weather related delays.

Previous amendments: 2 time extensions

Note: The start date of this contract was 6/22/01. A contract term longer than 5 years is only permitted by the Office of the State Comptroller under extenuating circumstances. S. Lanthier, Region 4 AEA, recommends approval.

D. Stein moved to approve the time extension; seconded by J. Dickinson; motion passed carried.

3. Washington SWCD – Halfway Creek Nutrient Management Implementation – Round VIII – C700696

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to weather delays, soil conditions, and time of year

Previous amendments: 3 time extensions

Note: The start date of this contract was 6/22/01. A contract term longer than 5 years is only permitted by the Office of the State Comptroller under extenuating circumstances. S. Lanthier, Region 4 AEA, recommends approval.

B. Aman moved to approve the time extension; seconded by D. Stein; motion passed carried.

4. Washington SWCD – Halfway Creek AEM Implementation – Round VII – C700056

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project because of engineer design changes and current weather conditions have stalled construction until next construction season

Previous Amendments: 3 time extensions

Note: The start date of this contract was 5/6/00. A contract term longer than 5 years is only permitted by the Office of the State Comptroller under extenuating circumstances. S. Lanthier, Region 4 AEA, recommends approval.

D. Stein moved to approve the time extension; seconded by B. Aman; motion passed carried.

5. Essex SWCD – Lake Champlain – South Lake – Crown Point – Ticonderoga – Round VII – C700057

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to design and contractor delays

Previous Amendments: 2 time extensions, 1 change in scope

Note: The start date of this contract was 5/6/00. A contract term longer than 5 years is only permitted by the Office of the State Comptroller under extenuating circumstances. S. Lanthier, Region 4 AEA, recommends approval.

J. Dickinson moved to approve the time extension; seconded by B. Aman; motion passed carried.

6. Cayuga SWCD – Cayuga/Seneca Counties BMP Implementation Cayuga Lake Watershed – Round VII- C700058

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project deliverables due to staff turnover and weather related delays

Previous Amendments: 2 time extensions, 1 change of scope

Note: *Note:* The start date of this contract was 12/03/01. A contract term longer than 5 years is only permitted by the Office of the State Comptroller under extenuating circumstances. L. Travis, Region 3 AEA, recommends approval.

D. Stein moved to approve the time extension; seconded by B. Aman; motion passed carried.

7. Cayuga SWCD – CNMP in the Watersheds of Cayuga County – Round IX – C700703

Request: time extension from 03/31/07 to 06/30/08

Reason: additional time needed to complete CNMPs

Previous Amendments: 2 time extensions, 4 changes of scope

Note: The start date of this contract was 10/24/02. A contract term longer than 5 years is only permitted by the Office of the State Comptroller under extenuating circumstances. L. Travis, Region 3 AEA, recommends approval.

D. Stein moved to approve the time extension with the condition that the District cannot request any further changes to the landowners in this contract; seconded by B. Aman; motion passed carried.

Staff Approved Amendments

1. Ontario SWCD – Northern Watersheds – Phase III – Round X – C700761

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to weather related delays and minimal progress has been made by two landowners.

Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 12/5/06

2. Ontario SWCD – Central Lowlands Till Plain – Phase III – Round X – C700760

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to weather related delays

Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 12/5/06

3. Tompkins SWCD – Rotational Grazing Implementation: Upper Susquehanna Watershed – Round IX - C700737

Request: time extension from 7/31/06 to 12/31/06

Reason: additional time needed to complete paperwork and grant administration

Approved by J. Schumacher 11/6/06

4. Tompkins SWCD – Cayuga and Owasco Lake Watersheds Management Intensive Grazing – Round XI – C700799

Request: time extension from 10/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to change in staff at Tompkins and Cayuga County

Approved by J. Schumacher 11/7/06

5. Tompkins SWCD – Pasture Management: Cayuga and Owasco Lake Watersheds – Round X- C700768

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to change in staff at Tompkins and Cayuga County

Approved by J. Schumacher 11/7/06

6. Onondaga SWCD – Otisco Lake Watershed AEM Implementation Project – Round X – C700758

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete BMP Implementation

Approved by L. Travis 11/13/06

7. Steuben SWCD – Chemung River Grazing #3 – Round X – C700766

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project

Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 12/5/06

8. Herkimer SWCD – Steel Creek Implementation Project – Round X – C700753

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/08

Reason: additional time needed to complete project due to weather and depressed milk prices

Approved by L. Travis 12/4/06

9. Genesee SWCD – Black Creek and Oatka Creek AEM Tier 1-2 Planning – Round X- T700752

Request: time extension from 8/31/06 to 8/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete planning activities due to staff turnover

Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 12/7/06

10. Cayuga SWCD – Manure Management Systems in Cayuga and Tompkins Counties – Round X – C700744

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project deliverables design changes

Approved by L. Travis 12/8/06

11. Broome SWCD – Short Duration Grazing Implementation for the Eastern Susquehanna River Basin – Round X – C700742

Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07

Reason: additional time needed to complete project

Approved by J. Schumacher 12/12/06

12. Columbia SWCD – Tier V Evaluation – Round X – C700748

Request: time extension from 10/31/06 to 10/31/08

Reason: additional time needed to complete project

Approved by L. Prezorski/B. Steinmuller 10/12/06

13. Cayuga SWCD – Maridale Nutrient Management System – Round VII – (No contract in place)

Request: change of landowner

Reason: the original landowner moved operation out of the watershed, new landowner has been Identified as a high priority due to the higher animal units

Approved by L. Travis 12/8/06

14. Suffolk SWCD – Irrigation Wellhead Protection – Round IX – C700739

Request: addition of two petroleum product storage units on two farms in the grant

Reason: two old tanks will be replaced with new ones that meet Suffolk County Health Department Standards and Specifications

Approved by L. Prezorski/B. Steinmuller 11/30/06

15. Cayuga SWCD – CNMP in the Watersheds of Cayuga County – Round IX – C700703
Request: change of landowners
Reason: original landowner had conflicts with planner and has voluntarily withdrawn
Approved by L. Travis 12/7/06

16. Ulster SWCD – Whole Farm Plan Implementation – Greenwyck Farm – Round X – C700769
Request: time extension from 12/31/06 to 12/31/07
Reason: additional time needed to complete project deliverables
Approved by L. Prezorski/B. Steinmuller 12/19/06

Rules and Regulations

J. Rusnica met with A. Barber and discussed the “B & C” portions of the rule as it relates to the allocation of money back to the districts.

In the “C” section a district must meet performance standards and comply with all policies adopted by the committee pursuant to Section 4(4) (a) of the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Districts law.

In the proposed rule, four (4) performance standards need to be met.

“B” money requests need to be filed by November 1st in any year and should include a description and a budget for eligible projects. These requests will then be processed by the Committee for payment.

A. Barber asked D. Hill to get information to Districts as soon as possible on B money reimbursements.

J. Dickinson asked how the performance of districts will be assessed. Performance Measure Guidance sheets will be developed and approved by the committee and then provided to districts.

AEM Signage

B. Silvestri provided information on signs which could be available by March 2007. Five to fifteen signs will be provided to each District and additional signs may be available upon request for \$14 each.

P. Kaczmarczyk indicated the signs are a great idea. However, odor issues need to be addressed.

J. Ten Eyck stated that signs would represent the “model” AEM farm and the districts would have to be very engaged in the distribution of the sign to the farm.

The question was asked about what constitutes a “commercial” farm. J. Tauzel stated, 7 acres, \$10,000 of gross receipts. “Full time” was eliminated from the criteria to receive sign. Signs would be “awarded” rather than “distributed” to ...“farms in their counties that are utilizing AEM to be exemplary stewards...”

J. Rusnica asked if/how there would be sign off on ownership of signage.

Other discussion on AEM signage included the cost to add specific district names, what constitutes a farm worthy of a sign, odor issues, and the willingness of farmers to talk to the media about AEM.

At the Annual AEM Training held November 14 and 15, 2006, R. Zimmerman presented Ag in the News Awards: 1st Place -A. Barber, Cortland SWCD; 2nd Place - T. Bishopp, Madison SWCD; 3rd Place - D. Reckahn, Wyoming SWCD.

AEM Update

J. Ten Eyck spoke on the mid-year AEM Base Status report. There are 53 participants that can earn up to \$40,000. We are a little better than last year at this time. Jeff is encouraged by the numbers.

In November the AEM Annual Training was held at the Waterloo Holiday Inn. More than 140 people were in attendance each day including 10 from NRCS and 10 from Cornell.

The highlights included:

- presentations from farmers, state/county representatives
- the sharing of district success stories, partnerships, and farm advisory committees, innovative uses of the money from the base program.
- working with the media, databases, non-traditional farmers, silo management, composting feed management, and crop nutrient guidelines.
- A great resource fair including the Cornell small farms program, NYSHAP, and Round XIII Grant Program

CALS Meeting – September 21, 2006

Ron Kaplewicz and Mike Latham met with Dan Decker and Deb Grantham in September to discuss how to more effectively use the CALS and CCE resources.

D. Grantham suggested that a representative and an alternate (from college) be appointed. In addition, CALS/CCE could be informed ahead of time of future relevant topics and then provide appropriate representatives to attend meetings to address those issues/topics.

G. Chartier suggested video conferencing. He stated DEC uses video conferencing for nonpoint meetings. This was one of the suggestions discussed at the September meeting as a way to more effectively cover some the great distances that members of the committee must travel. B. Steinmuller indicated video conferencing was used at a TAC meeting. R. Kaplewicz recommended video conferencing on a trial basis at a future meeting. Perhaps the March or April meeting would be an appropriate time to try this. The Department offices currently do not have this capability.

R. Kaplewicz indicated that the CALS Program Council was looking for a representative from the Committee. D. Stein offered to be the Committee representative to the Council. D. Grantham stated that the Annual meeting of all of the college's five program councils will be May 9, 2007.

Stormwater Vision

A. Barber updated the Committee on the recently developed Stormwater Vision. Governor-Elect E. Spitzer has been presented a funding proposal for \$3,000,000 to Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This funding would be used for the purpose of providing education, administrative support and outreach activities as it relates to stormwater management in New York. G. Chartier questioned the source of the funding. It was expected that it would come from the EPF.

P. Black questioned the pie chart included in the Stormwater handout. He said a year ago the Stormwater and Agriculture sections would have been reversed. Why the change?

Other Reports

NACD meeting is going to be held February 4-8, 2007 in Los Angeles.

A. Barber briefed the Committee on the progress of the Disaster Preparedness Sub-Committee and the next meeting to be held on January 19, 2007 with representation from Dept. of State, Dept. of Health, and DEC. There will be discussion regarding NRCS, SEMO/FEMA programs, pathogens, bio-security, and dam safety. She requested assistance is preparing a final report (J. Schumacher is assisting) which will include; demonstration of need, identifying problems, guiding principles, and food related issues. The goal is to have a Draft Final Report for the March State Committee meeting. Several highlights will include a discussion of DEC – flooding; DOS – communities and development; DOH – pathogens, DAM – manure, P. Black - general hydrology – watershed, flooding management.

D. Stein spoke about the recent Farm Bureau meeting and the recommendation made by the group to promote the use of private engineers as a way to advance implementation efforts on farms.

A. Barber and K. Czymmek spoke on the recently formed New York Agricultural Land Trust committee. The main focus of the trust is to protect farmland.

P. Kaczmarczyk spoke about the hiring of a watershed inspector for Owasco Lake. Also, there will be a new Bureau Director.

G. Chartier mentioned that Dutchess County Soil & Water District is receiving training on septic inspections and soils foundations. L. Prezorski encourages SUNY Delhi foundations training.

D. DeWeese stated that NRCS is on a continuing resolution through mid-February. Current budget figures project a \$2 million cut. The Senate version has restrictions on travel and training staff. Also, NRCS will be going to performance-based budgeting

R. Kaplewicz requested and D. DeWeese agreed to give a 30-minute presentation at the January State Committee Meeting on the long-term strategic vision/plan for NRCS and how we can integrate that vision with New York's AEM initiative. .

R. Young stated every district should have a GPS Survey Unit by the end of January.

D. DeWeese stated that active mapping is underway in the Adirondack area.

R. Rausch spoke on the creation of a cross media subcommittee dealing with air quality, greenhouse gases, renewable energy and its integration into AEM. He will chair this effort.

K. Czymmek spoke on the air emission/quality issue with EPA and the dairy and pork studies in NY. Twin Birch Farm in NY will be one of the national study sites. Four CAFO meetings will be held in January/February 2007.

D. Grantham spoke about the need to develop recommendations relative to the winery wastewater issue. Also, John Herring is the back in NY and is responsible for the Coastal Community Stormwater Committee.

R. Kaplewicz briefed the Committee on the recent meeting with EPA Region 2. EPA is especially interested in targeted watershed initiatives as a way to allocate funding. He also discussed his participation at a meeting hosted by Bill Cook of the Citizens Campaign for the Environment. At that meeting, DEC presented CAFO facts and stats to several environmental groups and explained how NYS is dealing with CAFO's. He also discussed his attendance at the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

D. Hill announced Delaware County District celebrated 60th Anniversary.

Next Meeting – January 16, 2007. Location TBD.

Meeting Adjourned 3:15