

NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee
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STATE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 19, 2008
Hotel Utica, 102 Lafayette Street, Utica, NY

Present: D. Hill, J. Dickinson B. Aman, D. Stein, G. Proios, Voting Members; R. Kaplewicz, Director; M. Latham, Assistant Director; J. Rusnica, J. Moody-Czub, Ag. and Markets; J. TenEyck, N. Lawler, C. Frasier, L. Travis, B. Brower, G. Albrecht, B. Silvestri, B. Steinmuller, R. Lewis, M. Waro, SWCC Staff; J. Tauzel, NYSFB; B. Hopkins, NRCS; P. Black, SUNYESF; P. Kaczmarczyk, DOH; K. Roberts, F. Zagorski, DEC; S. Ball, J. Herter, DOS; R. Robinson, Support@webcasting.com

Call to Order:

D. Hill called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Introductions made.

Review and Approval of Minutes

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

Reports & Newsletters

"Open Space"-The Newsletter of the Open Space Institute-Vol. 6, Winter/Spring 2008

"Innovations in Sustainable Agriculture"- The Northeast Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program- Winter 2007-2008

"Nuggets & Nibbles"- From the Cornell Local Roads Program- Fall 2007

"Bay Journal" – The Chesapeake Newspaper – January 2008

"Graziers' Gazette"- New York Grasslands, Madison County SWCD- December 2007

"The Upper Delaware"-A Quarterly Newsletter- Vol. 20: Num. 4: Winter 2007-2008

"Conservation Update"-Broome County SWCD- Vol. 10: Number 1: Winter 2008

"For Land's Sake"- Madison County SWCD- Winter 2008

USDA –New York Field Office, "Fruit Report"– January 2008

Conferences & Seminars

Growing NY Farms; February 28, 8:15-4:00pm, Saratoga Springs

Agricultural NPS Abatement & Control Grant Program
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STATUS OF ROUNDS 1-13

Of 459 contracts, 155 are active, 1 is pending and 288 are complete 15 contracts have been cancelled during the life of the program.

Amendments for State Committee Consideration

1. Cayuga SWCD – Manure Management Systems in Cayuga and Tompkins County – Round 10 – C700744

Request 1: time extension from 12/31/07 to 12/31/08

Reason 1: additional time needed to complete project (see amendment request for details)

Request 2: change of landowner

Reason 2: original farm voluntarily withdrew, new farm identified as a priority to complete a satellite manure storage facility

Request 3: change of BMPs

Reason 3: original farm was to install a composting system, new landowner is proposing to install a satellite manure storage facility

The current request proposes to exchange one landowner for another, but the practice system to be installed will change from a composting system to a manure storage system.

D. Stein moved to approve all three requests; seconded by B. Aman; motion passed carried.

Staff Approved Amendments

1. Yates SWCD – Finger Lakes AEM Phase II Implementation – Round 9 – C700734
Request: time extension from 12/31/07 to 3/31/08
Reason: a short, three month time extension is needed to allow for additional time to finish plans and close-out the project
Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 1/31/08
2. Wyoming SWCD – Letchworth State Park Public Water Supply Protection Project – Round 11 – C700802
Request: time extension from 12/31/07 to 12/31/08
Reason: additional engineering time is needed to complete project deliverables
Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 2/4/08
3. Ontario SWCD – Northern Watersheds Phase IIIA – Round 11 – C700789
Request: time extension from 12/31/07 to 12/31/09
Reason: additional time needed to complete deliverables
Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 2/11/08
4. Ontario SWCD – Northern Watersheds Phase III – Round 10 – C700761
Request: time extension from 12/31/07 to 12/31/08
Reason: additional time needed to complete project deliverables
Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 2/11/08
5. Orleans SWCD – Oak Orchard Watershed: Phase IV – Round 11 – C700793

Request: time extension from 12/31/07 to 12/31/08
Reason: additional time needed to complete deliverables
Approved by T. Brace/B. Steinmuller 1/29/08

6. Herkimer SWCD – Steele Creek Implementation Project – Round 10 – C700753
Request 1: change of landowners
Reason 1: original landowners voluntarily withdrew, new landowner identified as a priority
Request 2: change of BMPs
Reason 2: new BMP identified as a priority through the AEM planning process
Approved by L. Travis 2/11/08

Round 14

B. Steinmuller stated the Round 14 Announcements would be made by Commissioner Hooker at the New York Farm Show on Friday, February 22, 2008 at the New York State Fairgrounds International Building at 11:00 am.

CAFO and Certified Planner Activities

G. Albrecht and B. Brower delivered an update on the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan including a PowerPoint presentation indicating planner training and certifications. They stated there are currently ten districts with Certified AEM Planners. They also reported on the CAFO program engineering requirements, an update on EFarm and current CAFO Roadshow meetings.

CREP Annual Report

R. Lewis distributed the CREP Annual Report for the period October 2006 – September 2007 and discussed the status and future of the program.

Ecosystem Based Management

J. Herter and S. Ball from the Department of State delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Ecosystem Based Management.

AEM Outreach Update

B. Silvestri reported on and delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the AEM outreach program. She announced upcoming AEM in the Media Training Sessions. Several requests for additional training have been made through the State. She provided binders and materials to share with information relating to AEM in newspaper articles, television and radio clips, etc. Updated AEM information is on the Department website.

Community Conservation Assistance

G. Proios reported on the Community Conservation Assistance Program. He described the Community Conservation Assistance Toolkit. The CCA has secured EPA grant funding to develop a Community Environmental Health Checklist and a Community Environmental Management Guide. The goal is to provide an outreach tool educating the public about ecosystems and human interaction and how they impact the natural environment. The grant will also cover costs associated with the development of a Watershed Report Card system to be used by Water Quality Coordinating Committees.

Other Reports – All

J. Moody-Czub reported on proposed budget.

R. Kaplewicz spoke on budget issues within the Division and the future of 319 funds.

R. Kaplewicz announced 23 annual plans of work for 2008 to be approved for the counties listed below:

Chautauqua	Chemung
Chenango	Clinton
Dutchess	Erie
Fulton	Genesee
Madison	Montgomery
Onondaga	Orleans
Rockland	Schuyler
Seneca	Steuben
St. Lawrence	Suffolk
Tioga	Tompkins
Warren	Wyoming
Yates	

D. Stein moved to approve the work plans; seconded by J. Dickinson. Motion passed and carried.

The Water Quality Symposium will be held in Auburn March 11-14, 2008.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 13, 2008, Auburn, New York at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

This web cast may be viewed in its entirety at:

<http://www.webcasting.com/soil-water/02.19.2008soil.html>