

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 21, 2015**

**\*\* NOT APPROVED \*\***

**Committee Members Present:** K. Graves, T. O'Grady, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall (Absent: D. Fanton, A. McGraw)

**Others Present:** M. Alger, L. Ballengee, L. Bliven, H. Budinger, S. Burt, C. Cavagna, P. Curran, D. Decker, L. Edwards, L. Gridley, D. Healy, K. Hint, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, C. Santora, S. Torrey, J. Wood

**Media Present:** D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of December 17, 2014.

**Re-Appointment of Legislative Members to Soil & Water Conservation District Board:**

The Soil and Water Conservation District Board requested the reappointment of Theodore L. Hopkins of Fillmore and Karl Graves of Wellsville as Legislative Members of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2015, and expiring December 31, 2015. There was some discussion regarding the appearance of impropriety by having a working farmer (Mr. Hopkins) on the Board. Legislator Hopkins assured the Committee that since he has been on the Board, he has not ever, nor does he plan to pursue, any grant funding for projects relevant to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Mr. Torrey told the Committee that the State requires farmers on the Board, and, thus, also requires strict reporting regarding the farmers' abstaining from certain votes. The appointments were approved on a motion by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Crandall, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**Appointment of County Grange Member to Soil & Water Conservation District Board:**

The Allegany County Grange requested the appointment of James Wilcox of Almond to replace Curtis Rung as the County Grange appointee on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2015, and expiring December 31, 2017. The appointments were approved on a motion by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**County Historian**

**Monthly Report**

County Historian Craig Braack was unable to attend the meeting.

**Soil & Water Conservation**

**Monthly Report**

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey reviewed his report with the Committee. Highlights included that his office is doing a lot of paper work ("winter work") at this time of year. So, currently, it is planning to begin construction projects in the spring with Round 20 funding.

The Governor announced that \$12 million will be available for Round 21 of the Ag Non-Point Source Grant funding. Grant applications are due March 31, 2015. He plans to submit three applications. He noted that generally, one-half of all applications in the state are approved for funding, and that Allegany County has done well the last few years. He went on to say that using Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA) funds, Soil and Water will help sponsor an Equine Management Workshop at Alfred University. One of the bigger projects for 2015 will be getting the box culvert design work done for the FEMA-funded project on George Road in West Almond. He noted that annual reports are being completed at this time as well. He added that the job description has been finalized for a District Technician position which will be filled shortly. Some questions arose about the position. Mr. Torrey noted that the job description needed to be brought up-to-date in order to reflect the current needs of his area. Additionally, it was noted that this position is not a County position. Legislator Ungermann suggested that, pursuant to conversations he had had with some people from Cornell University, Mr. Torrey should pursue funding that seems to be available for the installation of wood chip filters at the end of tile lines which seem to reduce nitrates by half. Mr. Torrey said he would do so.

### **Youth Bureau** **Monthly Report**

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards noted the highlights from her December report. These included the completion of the OCFS billing for agencies and town/village recreation programs. She noted that Allegany County was recognized as one of two counties that have a zero balance. She said that on February 9 and 10, she will be taking four (of five) Youth Board members to Albany for the Youth Leadership Forum. They will meet our representatives during that time, as well as tour parts of the capital and attend workshops. She noted that this has been budgeted for. Finally, she noted that the Sheriff's Department will host the inaugural Dan Barkley Basketball Showcase on Saturday, January 24, at the Wellsville High School. (The event is named in memory of Barkley, who passed away due to a heart attack while making his rounds at the county jail in 2013.) There will be five games beginning at noon for an entrance fee of five dollars. Ten high school basketball teams from Allegany and Steuben counties will compete for bragging rights between the two counties. Proceeds will go toward high school students going on to college. Ms. Edwards added that there will be an athletes' exhibit there which is similar to the prescription drug exhibit of last year. Other agencies will be there with educational information as well, she said.

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension** **Monthly Report**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven turned this month's update over to Colleen Cavagna, Cooperative Extension Community Educator. She noted that her position falls under the "Ag Umbrella" which includes a variety of areas. Ms. Cavagna distributed information on the activities in her area, including a list of 2014 programming conducted. Ms. Cavagna said that she has always worked with a two-pronged approach: working with Cornell University faculty who are doing the research which she then disseminates to locals who may need it. The second prong is our local people. Ms. Cavagna said she is always evaluating and polling locals to see what is needed/wanted. Additionally, she included a summary of upcoming programs for the remainder of January (YardWorks: A Landscape Design Opportunity and Be Green Organic Yards New York & Child Safe Playing Field Act on January 29, and a Pastry Workshop, January 31). Ms. Cavagna introduced Kylie Hint, a BOCES intern who worked with children and created a 30-45-minute program for third graders on trees. The presentation was also given in local libraries over the summer and

included “nature walks” to allow participants identify leaves in their natural state. Subsequently, Ms. Bliven distributed the January 2015 edition of “Extension Connection” which highlights some of the program offerings. She went on to update the Committee on the diseases that are affecting swine. (She noted that a second, similar virus was also beginning to affect swine.) Ms. Bliven said that bio security and sanitation are key to stopping the spread of these diseases. When asked, she said that the diseases are reasonably in check at this time.

### **Executive Session**

The Committee entered executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular corporation at 1:25 p.m. on a motion by Legislator O’Grady, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. The Committee exited executive session at 2 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator O’Grady, and carried

### **New Business**

#### **New Forest Economy, Allegany County**

Because the meeting had run overtime, there was little discussion regarding the New Forest Economy. It was determined, on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator O’Grady, to direct the County Attorney to look into the agreement that Cattaraugus County has with RC&D (Resource, conservation, and Development) as it relates to the New Forest Economy Project. **Refer to County Attorney’s Office**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Ungermann., seconded by Legislator O’Grady, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators