

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MARCH 18, 2015**

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

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

**Others Present:** M. Alger, L. Ballengee, H. Budinger, S. Burt, L. Edwards, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, A. Santangelo, C. Santora, S. Torrey, J. Wood

**Media Present:** D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*

**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 Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of February 18 and March 9, 2015.

**County Historian**

County Historian Craig Braack was not in attendance.

**Soil & Water Conservation**

**Monthly Report**

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey distributed his March report which included the following information:

SWCD is working on getting projects ready to go for the construction season. It has several projects lined up thus far and will be adding to the following list as the spring progresses:

- 1 bedded pack barn
- 3 concrete box culverts
- 1 bunk silo project
- 1 concrete barnyard
- 1 manure handling system
- several fence projects

Additionally, SWCD is finishing grant applications for Round 21 of the State Ag Non-Point Source funds that are due March 31. Grant applications will total between \$750,000 and \$1 million. Grants are in the following watersheds: Angelica Water Supply, Rushford Lake, and the Genesee River upstream of the Wellsville water intake. SWCD will be applying for grant funds through The Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program. Applications are due April 24 and will focus on reducing phosphorous going into the Great Lakes. Late this spring or early summer, the State will be releasing \$500,000 of grant funds for the Genesee River Basin. Funds will be used for erosion reduction.

**Cornell Cooperative Extension**

**Monthly Report**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County Community Educator, Field Crops and Soil Science, Aaron Santangelo reported on several programs currently being conducted by

Cooperative Extension. These included the following: This is National Ag Week, and today (March 18) National Ag Day. Each year, in celebration of National Agriculture Week/Ag Literacy Week, volunteers throughout the state read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders. Students and teachers benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow-up activities. This year focuses on sheep production in New York State. This is being coordinated by Colleen Cavagna, Allegany County Community Educator, Horticulture. Master Gardener Training (a program that utilizes volunteers to assist people and their communities through gardening information, education, and activities) has 10 new master gardeners being trained for Allegany County. (This is more help to people seeking information than simply going online for generic information.) 4-H gave a public presentation, held a livestock skill-a-thon, and last weekend, held a Dairy Bowl (quiz bowl). The Belmont winners will go on to compete at the state level. The District Horse Bowl will be held March 21; Allegany County has 16 participants. Because planting season is almost upon us, Cooperative Extension is hosting two planter workshops in the County. Cooperative Extension had held a meeting in Centerville for vegetable producers; there were over 70 attendees. There will be a "Who's Going to Fill Your Farm Shoes" session to help farm owners with transition/succession planning. When asked, Mr. Santangelo said that the Amish also use the Cooperative Extension services for help and information with production.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger told the Committee that a Transition Committee has been formed within the Board of Directors to take care of the unusual aspects of the dissolution of the two-county association. At the next Board meeting, they will likely approve a new constitution that can be voted upon by the association as a whole and are scheduling a special meeting to dissolve the association, re-forming as just CCE Allegany, determine a new Board of Directors, and vote on committee appointments. Legislator Pullen urged any resident in the County and/or anyone who has participated in an Extension program to attend the special meeting (tentatively scheduled for May 19) and participate in the vote because it is a major transition and he believes the more participation, the better.

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

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards highlighted several items on her monthly report, including the following: the Youth Leadership Forum in Albany on February 9 and 10 but the Forum was cancelled due to the weather and will not be rescheduled. Information was sent to Senator Cathy Young and Assemblyman Joe Giglio regarding Youth Bureau funding in the 2015 budget. Also, Jacy Good and her husband Steve Johnson did presentations on Distracted Driving in local schools; presentations were held in Scio and Belfast Central Schools; presentations in Bolivar-Richburg and Genesee Valley were cancelled due to schools being closed due to the weather. She is working on scheduling presentations next year for additional schools as well as a public presentation. She noted that Jacy and Steve were amendable to this plan. The Youth Board Dinner will be held Thursday, April 29; invitations have been sent out as have been solicitations for the Youth Recognition Awards. She awaits the nominations.

### **Executive Session**

The Committee entered executive session to "consider the terms and conditions of a particular employee" at 1:22 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. The Committee exited executive session at 1:43 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried

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