

## District Manager's Report – Corrina Aldrich - 01-26-2018

**Round 17 and Round 18** Ben working on closeout paperwork; still waiting on George Houser to complete payment to Korb Land Improvement.

**Round 19** Ben went over closeout paperwork and site visits completed with Brian Steinmuller on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, all documents and vouchers sent to State offices, waiting to hear from Bethany Buzdich for follow-up.

**Round 20** We still need to do the final spring field follow-up and review with the farms before we can close it out-so, probably in April/May.

**Round 21** Permit submitted to DEC and Army Corps for Hoosic River Bank Project. Received word that more information was needed on the plan view and a cross section view was requested as well; working on these items for submittal. Resubmitted additional information that was requested. Received word from DEC that they approved the permit for work; still waiting for response from Army Corp.

**Round 22** Ben working on payment for Waste Storage construction and the closure of one small storage that has been completed. I am working on a Permit for Army Corp needed for the manure storage construction behind the barns which will be done next summer.

In-house discussion of doing closeouts on the construction portions of Woody Hill and Tiashoke Farm Grants so they do not have to wait until the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of cover cropping for final payments on the construction projects. This is a substantial sum for the Woody Hill Projects. We did this for with the Round 20 Construction.

**Round 23** We have an approved contract.

**Round 24** Have started talking with farms and planners to discuss needs and figure strategy, RFP will probably be out in the next couple of weeks.

**CAFO Waste Storage Funding** All four applications were funded and the Plans of Work are due to the AEA Brian Steinmuller by February 5<sup>th</sup> Workload has been split between all of us.

**State Funds** Reports are being worked on; Part B and the Performance Measures Report have been sent in to Brian Steinmuller and approved; they have been uploaded to SharePoint.

Sent in a Special Request Form that the Harmful Algal Bloom Summits be included as a one-time only Performance Measure item to count for BOD members.

Proposed budget looks to be very kind to districts again this year if it passes with a \$1 million increase for Soil and Water Conservation Districts - let's hope it goes through!

**AEM** Bob will report on – all are contributing hours.

**RCP/RCDD**- Quarterly reporting due January 31<sup>st</sup> - reaching out to farmers on T/A funding assistance for planning and engineering.

**RCPP/VT-** Heritage Hill Farm CNMP has been submitted and is under review. Heritage Hill Farm was deemed ineligible, due to the lateness of the CNMP submission to NRCS a full review was unable to be completed before the required deadline. Fullerton Farm has achieved CNMP concurrence and engineering concurrence at this time; now are waiting for the cost calculator and hopefully will know about funding at the end of January.

**Municipal Assistance-** Attended Highway Association meeting; informed them of grant funding that came through for buying another hydro-seeder and would like to buy hydro-seeding materials primarily for towns to use.

Site visit on Callaway Road during 1-23-18 rain event to review water runoff issues pointed out in a previous site visit, also toured through Salem and reviewed White Creek to see if there were any flooding and ice jam issues present; seemed to be okay at this time, no ice buildups thankfully.

Federal Government Shutdown on January 22<sup>nd</sup> –All staff continued to work offline. We were informed by Dave Holck that they could not tell us what to do and as we had work to do and could carry on we stayed.

RC&D meeting January 23rd

**Landowner Assistance-** Working on Army Corp Permit for Tiashoke Farm to build a pond for stock watering reserve as their numerous farm wells are not keeping up with daily demand; DEC says we can do under a District General Permit, Army Corp reviewing for Ag Exemption? Submitted on 1-19-2018.

Attended QuickBooks Training at Fairgrounds - January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>

CWICNY January 18<sup>th</sup> -I am the new President of the organization.

Due to workload and other items that were requested to be added to the newsletter, I elected not to write an article, hoping this will keep the number of pages and cost down a little and will allow more focus on the project implementation; articles written by Bob and Ben.

**Upcoming** Weekly Staff meetings being held; tree order form updated for this year.

Meeting with Farmers for Plan of Work paperwork and AEM.

Winter Greenup -January 27<sup>th</sup>

Manure Management Meeting - January 31<sup>st</sup>

Registered for Symposium - will be rooming with Rhonda Jarvis from Warren County to cut cost a little

Applied for and received a Frank Bratt Scholarship to get reimbursed for the QuickBooks Training, Greenup Conference, and Manure Management.

No-Till Drill Discussion