

District Manager's Report – Corrina Aldrich – 11/03/2017

Round 17 and Round 18 Tim brought in copies of the canceled checks; we will be moving ahead with closeout paperwork.

Round 19 Ben is working through some paperwork with Ken Thomas, we did get him to leave a check for his remaining required engineering payment which was sent to AES. Dave Swezey is aware he needs to get fence done to specs, however, he is busy with corn cutting and cash flow issues, will be working on as soon as he can; stopped at the farm and received some more paperwork needed on 10-3-17; will keep working with Dave.

Round 20 Bob will report on cover crop progress. I checked with Brian and Bethany on the possibility of closing the remaining cover crop portion of this grant out in conjunction with Round 19 and the recommendation was to review the paper work and have it ready but we would 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.

Round 22 Met at the job site with the engineer and farmer to discuss core trench backfill issues. Aaron called and talked with the liner company that day and a remediation process was agreed upon. Ben can fill in the details.

Round 23 Plan of Work was approved, now waiting on state process to receive a contract.

Round 24 Early discussions with Dick Tooley on potential for application for Milk House Waste Project; have advised them to contact an engineer through DAP and get some planning started. Hicks Orchard potential for Agri-chemical mixing facility.

All interim reports for grants in ahead of time.

Annual Plan of Work in ahead of schedule; will need to add an item regarding participation in the Hudson River Citizens Advisory Group.

CAFO Waste Storage Funding At this time it looks like we will be submitting three applications: Fullerton Farm, Battenkill Valley Farm (McEachron), and Kenyon Hill Farm (Nolan). We will be giving the planners and engineers a drop dead date of November 13th to get all needed information to us so that we can complete the applications and have them ready for delivery to Albany on November 20th. Those without enough information to us by this time will be submitted in the next application round which starts May 1 and is due August 1, 2018. Spoke with Ray Zimmerman of Slurrystore on October 31 regarding McEachron's potential application estimates.

Part B 2018 Proposal submitted for NAACC assessments in the towns of Putnam, Dresden, and Fort Ann.

State Funds Part C Moving forward with Lenny Austin's project. At this point we think the project may come in slightly under the budgeted \$30,000.

AEM Tier 1 at counter with Hugh Fedler discussed future farm plans of expansion and installing robot milking system with new milking facilities. Advised that he start working with Dairy Acceleration Program through Cornell and get a CNMP done and engineering assistance; would be in a good position for future grant application. Will need to do follow up visit with Scott Fitscher for Tier 5A.

RCPP/RCD 2nd year of cover crop in the ground; Bob will be reviewing.

RCPP/VT Heritage Hill Farm CNMP has been submitted and is under review. Fullerton Farm is moving forward with engineering and will be in contact with us and NRCS.

Review of Lake Champlain Watershed Planning Document update for DOS Grant. If anyone else would like to review it please let me know. Attended Advisory Committee Meeting October 4th.

Municipal Assistance Spoke with Greg Brown about roadside erosion project done on Pope Hill Road and possible submittal for CWICNY Road Side Erosion grant implementation funds.

Landowner Assistance Letter sent to Lake George Park Commission regarding site review of Chris Jenkin's logging job in Pilot Knob.

Met with Monica Dore on October 26th - she is interested in doing some volunteer hours with the district and NRCS for the short term until the end of the year. She was informed about the anticipated Part B project and was very interested in working on it for us and a few other items that were outlined. She is not currently looking for full time permanent employment, but seeking to gain valuable experience to add to her resume as she decides if she will be continuing her education for a master's degree. She will be back in touch with us after November 6th as she is doing a required presentation at Dartmouth College and will be out of town until then.

Upcoming

- November 2nd Highway Association Meeting
- November 2nd Battenkill Alliance Annual Meeting, Bancroft Library Salem
- November 5th Battenkill Conservancy Annual Meeting, Fort Miller Meeting House
- November 13th last day for information from planners and engineers to district for Waste Storage Funds
- November 16th CWICNY-Bob, Hudson River CAG-Corrina, Agri-mark Annual Meeting-Ben/Monica?
- November 10th and Nov 23rd Holidays
- November 20th due date for CAFO Manure Storage Funds
- November 21 project site visits with Lori and Monica? Sara interest?