

Technician's Report – Ben Luskin – 06/08/2018

Grants and Projects:

- Rounds 17 & 18- Closeout paperwork has been approved, but we will not be able to proceed further until the state's blackout period for making payments is over. Once the blackout period is over (first part of June) we will be able to make the final payments and close the Round 17 & 18 accounts.
- Round 20- May 25th Brian Steinmuller & AJ Battaglia came to the office to review the closeout paperwork and went on field visits of the cover crop sites. Brian gave his approval and the closeout packet was mailed to the state. Once the state office reviews the packet and payment is made to the District, the Round 20 account can be closed.
- Round 21-
 - Tiashoke: Discussed how the manure system was working and O&M with the farm now that they have dragline injected this spring.
- Round 22-
 - Landview: Discussions with the farm, engineer, planner, and NRCS regarding an EQIP signup and construction timeline.
 - Kenyon Hill: Conducted site visit / O&M check of the installed silage leachate system after the farm emailed and said there was an issue.
- Round 23-
 - Heritage Hill: Paperwork is being developed by NRCS to gain the farm matching funds through the VT RCPP program.
 - Ideal Dairy: Designs have been put out to bid. Emails with the farm for liability and workers comp insurance.
- Round 24- Started paperwork for 2 applications (5 farms) for when RFP is released.
- CAFO Waste Grant- Round 1-
 - Deep Roots: Discussions with the engineer regarding progress of design detail and timeline. The farm would like to move forward with construction this year.
 - Kenyon Hill: Discussed engineering process with the farm and a timeline for construction. Gave the farm a list of engineers that work in the area since the engineer they were trying to use has been non-responsive.

AEM

- Tooley - Milkhouse waste planning
- Red Top - 5B BMP evaluations
- Deep Roots - Silage leachate & barnyard
- Wolff - Silage leachate

Miscellaneous

- Maps, site visits, and erosion loss numbers for Upper Hudson Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) application
- Registered Lydia in the NAACC system
- Upper Hudson Watershed Coalition notes
- Bank Reconciliations
- Environmental Education Foundation Teleconference
- Truck to the county for maintenance
- Tiashoke pond construction check

Meetings Attended

- Silvo-Pasture Workshop - Saranac, NY - May 15th
- NYS Envirothon - Geneva, NY - May 23-24
- Conservation District Employees Association Meeting - Central NY - June 6th

Upcoming Meetings

- Upper Hudson River Watershed Association - Warrensburg, NY - June 14th