

## Technician's Report – Ben Luskin – 07/14/2017

### Grants and Projects:

- Round 17-
- **Trinkle:** The engineer has sent the final spreadsheet/invoice for all of the BMP systems in Round 17 and Round 18. There was one check that the District paid that was not accounted for by the engineer, but has now been corrected. I have had several conversations with Tim and he said he will be paying the amount owed to the engineer and the money that is owed to the District very shortly. He would just like to verify the payment information with his own payment records.
- Round 18 - See above
- Round 19-
  - Continued working on the closeout paperwork. Communicated several times with the 3 farms that implemented BMPs and their engineers. At this point our end of the paperwork has been taken about as far as it can go until we receive additional information from 2 of the farms. Twin Brooks has submitted all of their paperwork. Red Top needs to pay the engineer and get a few cleared checks to the District. Swezey View needs to install 1,000 feet of fence and get the appropriate paperwork to the District, along with a few additional cleared checks.
- Round 20-
- Round 21-
  - **Tiashoke:** The contractor Fane has moved back into the farm to finish the systems. This should be accomplished quickly as it really just needs some finishing touches. Brian informed me that he is getting all the paperwork in order and that a fence company will be out within a week or two to install the 5 strand hi-tensile wire around the manure pit.  
Discussed design requirements and signoff approval authority on the riverbank stabilization project with Bethany Bzduch of Land and Water Resources.
- Round 22-
  - **Kenyon Hill:** Continued work with the farm on tax questions and Assignment of Payment information. The contractor has moved in and just begun working on the silage leachate system. Had a farm meeting with the engineer and another contractor that will be building the cover over the manure push-off to make sure everyone had the same ideas. The engineer has been working on the designs for the push-off cover and informs me they will be done in a couple of days.
  - **Landview:**
  - **Woody Hill:** Reviewed the bids for the construction and the liners for the manure pit. The bids were not at all comparing “*apples-to-apples*” and involved a lot of time and many phone calls and emails to the farm and the contractors. The farm has decided to go with the low bid for the liner. The company says they are 5 weeks out on having the liner completed once it is ordered. I met with the farm to get contract signatures and the W-9 filled out. I also reviewed the insurance and worker's comp information that needs to be submitted to the District.

### Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition

- No meeting in June

## **Technical Assistance**

### **AEM**

- Red Top: CAFO inspection and BMP maintenance check
- Helped Schenectady County SWCD with AEM questions
- Planning meeting with Champlain Valley Agronomics for various farm BMPs
- Landview: Looked at/documented the corn bunk leachate system for EQIP purposes

### **Miscellaneous**

- Technician report
- Bank Reconciliations
- RCPP quarterly report
- Measured the large berm at Peckham Materials quarry in Hudson Falls. They still would like us to hydro-seed it.

### **Meetings Attended**

- Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition - Warrensburg, NY - June 13<sup>th</sup>
- Manager's Meeting - June 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Conservation District Employees Association - Waterloo, NY - July 19-20
- UVM Field Day - Alburgh, VT - July 27<sup>th</sup>