



Soil and Water Conservation Committee

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New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee Meeting September 19, 2023

Public Location:

1. NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Albany – AGM Second Floor Orchard Room (Visitors must check in at Security Desk) 10B Airline Drive, Albany 12235
2. Stein Farm – 8246 North Road, Leroy, NY 14482
3. Jefferson County SWCD Office - 25451 State Route 12, Watertown, NY 13601
4. Montgomery County SWCD Office – 4001 State Highway 5s, Fultonville, NY 12072

A virtual option is available for Advisory Members, SWCDs and members of the public at the following call-in and link options:

Meeting call-in number: 518-549-0500

Meeting access code: 1611 88 7068

Meeting link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m0cc2e634ca3e40df38251034453d90e3>

SWCC Meeting Agenda:

- 10:00 AM Call to order / Introductions**
- 10:10 Review and approve minutes
- 10:15 Correspondence – Bethany Bzduch
- 10:30 AgNPS Program – Bethany Bzduch, Tyler Knapp
- Program Status Report
 - Amendments
 - Round 30 Proposed Timeline
- 10:45 Climate Resilient Farming Program – Jennifer Clifford, Tyler Knapp
- Program Status Report
 - Amendments
 - Round 8 Proposed Timeline

- 11:00 Soil Health and Climate Resiliency Act 2022
Production Environment Soil Health Benchmarks – Harold Van Es, Professor, Joseph Amsili, Extension Associate, Deborah Aller, Extension Associate
- 11:45 Voting / Advisory / Staff / Conservation District Reports / Public Comments – All
- 12:00 PM Next Meeting – Proposed Tuesday October 17, 2023, location(s) TBD

At this point in the agenda, we will ask all SWCDs (except CDEA designated representative) and farmers to recuse from the Round 29 AGNPS ranked list discussions/motions by leaving the room, disconnecting from the WebEx or phone line.

- 12:05 PM Round 29 AGNPS Ranked List approval (Resolution 23-01 on page 2, motion needed)
- 12:30 PM Adjourn meeting

Resolution 23-01

That subject to the availability of funds, the Committee shall award funding, pursuant to Round 29 of the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Grant Program, for projects 1-96 in order ranked and in the amounts recommended by the advisory members of the Committee until funds available for this purpose are exhausted or the scoring threshold is reached, consistent with the Soil and Water Conservation District Law, the RFP, and any other law applicable to funding of such projects. Consistent with the RFP, the Committee authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Markets to negotiate the terms of the contract with the project sponsors and to make minor adjustments to the project description and budget as necessary to achieve project goals, conform to applicable laws and regulations, and to serve the best interests of the State.