

# Morris County Soil Conservation District

## Supervisors Meeting

April 22, 2009

*The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 550 West Hanover Ave., and Morris Township N.J. The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. The following individuals were present: Jeanette Bonin, Treasurer; Louise Davis, Vice Chair; Kenneth Roehrich, Secretary; Absent were Chairman, Dave Welch; and Larry Ashley, Secretary. Also attending the meeting were Shelly Zellars, Administrative Assistant, Kenneth Sicknick, staff, Joseph Dunn, Director, Pete Nitsche, Rutgers Extension and Jim Wick NRCS.*

*Adequate notice of the meeting on this date has been provided through resolution adopted by the board of supervisors at its annual meeting at 550 West Hanover Ave., by posting at the District office, by mailing to the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune newspapers and by filing with the Morris County Clerks Office.*

### Correspondence

- Memo from SSCC- Envirothon Notice funding. Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to donate \$500.00 for the Envirothon.
- Grawbowski plot plan
- Outside employment for Kenneth Sicknick, staff member. Motion to accept outside employment request for Kenneth Sicknick made by Member Bonin, seconded by member Davis and all approved.
- Letter to John Satta from Joe Dunn with computer deadline. Presentation at 3:30 by John regarding timeline for completion of computer data base.
- 2009 Regional District Supervisors meeting in Mountain Lakes NJ 5/5/09.
- Invitation to Community Children's Museum by Sheila Hall for observation of Poster Contest entries.

### Roll Call for supervisors

Member Bonin, yes  
Member Davis, yes  
Member Roehrich, yes  
Member Welch, absent  
Member Ashley, absent

**Minutes for March 25, 2009**- Motion to approve minutes for March 25, 2009 made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved.

**Staff Presentation**- Kenneth Sicknick

Ken Sicknick has been doing research on other Districts and different programs they may be offering. Projects being offered by districts include, rain barrels, rain gauges, bat boxes, bird boxes, butterfly boxes, flower bulbs, humming bird kits, live auctions and a breakfast. Ken has been focusing on a rain barrel program. Barrels can be purchased from a manufacturer and sold for approximately \$80.00. The conversion to a rain barrel is very simple and barrels could be stored at the nursery barn and sold on our website.

**Personnel**- Progress

**Education**- Progress

**Finance**- Motion to pay the bills for April made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved.

**NRCS**- Jim Wick

Completion of Reports has been difficult due to lack of personal information for applications. Forms to be signed for conservation projects may require executive sessions in the future.

*Computer Data Base*- John Satta

Delivery on contract will be set for May 31, 2009 with 6 months for final corrections and "tweaking" of program to finalize contract with District.

1. Function of Program
2. Migrating Data-information transferred to new Data Base
3. Function of Accounts- by end of month
4. Enhancement- corrections, bugs

John Satta will sit down with staff for 2-3 hours to review areas of concern. Potential hold back will be 10% of payment until finished.

**RC&D** Progress

**Director-** Joseph Dunn

Move is in progress with staff boxing up office material. The sheriff's office will be taking over our office building. We will be moving into our new office on High view Ave May 22, 2009. County will provide movers. New office has been painted and carpeted. We will have 7 new telephone lines and are hoping to be on the county computer line. All expenses for the move will be covered by the county. Supervisors Welch and Davis will be touring new facility.

**SSCC-** Frank Minch

We are currently organizing the supervisors meeting for the Mt. Lakes Regional meeting. Our new secretary of State may be present at the meeting.

Working on Deer Fence program.

Manuals are available for Animal Waster program.

*Poster contest-* There will be no poster contest dinner/award ceremony this year due to budget constraints. All districts will be responsible for the awards of their winners. Annual meeting will be held for only one day with location in Central Jersey or possibly in Somerset County. Box lunches will be served.

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Planning for Envirothon is now in progress.

**Rutgers Extension-** Pete Nitsche

Tour being held on May 14 with County board of Agriculture and Ag. Development. Natural Resource Position will be interviewing 2<sup>nd</sup> candidate.

August 27<sup>th</sup>. Regional NACD meeting in Solomon Md. Conference will be attended by Ken and Joan Roehrich with reimbursement to the district.

Cucinella School has been settled with parties.

Rt 46 Oil spill is now stabilized. Project is still incomplete.

*Attorney-* Still in progress

*Seedlings sold-* Very successful with very few left over. We used volunteers this year which helped staff continue 251 work. Honeywell Corp bought a lot of single trees. They will allow us to use their facility next year to sell trees.

*Desidero Matter-* The use of a Farmland Impervious plan would be beneficial for this site. These impervious plans could be used for other farms caught between conservation plans and 251. There is also a need for CTA District planners.

*Nominating committee revision-* Will need another meeting for nominating committee to add second nominee. Motion made to bring nominating committee together made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved. Shelly will notify all members. Use of telephone conference will be used.

Meeting was held on Tuesday for Jersey Fresh dinner in fall between Louise, Joe, Sheila. Dinner scheduled for Sept. We will limit the attendance to approximately 100 people.

**251-** Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved to certify 215 certifications..

**RFA-** Motion made by Member Roehrich, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved to certify RFA Authorizations..

Next meeting to be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> or June 24<sup>th</sup> depending on move of office.