

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisor Meeting
December 8, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 16 High View Avenue, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer; Jeanette Bonin, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Secretary; Margaret Nordstrom, Manager; Joseph Dunn, Secretary; Shelly Zellars and NRCS Conservationist; Jim Wick.

Absent were; Chairman; David Welch and Vice Treasurer; Michael Beneduce.

Adequate notice of this meeting on this date has been provided through resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors at its annual meeting at 16 High View Ave., Cedar Knolls, N.J. 07927 by posting at the District's office, by mailing to the Star Ledger and by filing with the Morris County Clerk's office.

Supervisor Roll Call- Vice Chair Davis requested that secretary Shelly Zellars call the roll.

Jeanette Bonin- present
Louise Davis- present
Margaret Nordstrom- present
David Welch- absent
Michael Beneduce- absent

Correspondence-

- DEP- Snowbird Farm Administrative Consent Order
- Harding Township Ordinance for 251 Municipal Exemption
- NACD- Nashville January 2011
- Retirement of Don Yarus in Burlington County SCD
- Letter to DEP, Civil Administrative Penalty- Beckendorf Landscaping
- William Huff- Denial of Revised Plan- Harding Township (Grading permit)
- Conservation Agreement- Phil Forte

Board Minutes Approval

Motion made by Member Bonin to approve the minutes of October 27, 2010 with one small change, second by Member Nordstrom. All approved. Motion carried.

Finance- Motion made by Member Bonin to pay bills for November and December 2010. Second by Member Nordstrom. All approved. Motion carried.

Banking Services for District- Motion made by Member Bonin to locate a bank closer to the district office for weekly deposits. Second by Member Nordstrom. All approved. Motion carried.

NRCS- Jim Wick

Mr. Wick reported that Tom Drewes, our state conservationist will be retiring. The applications for the position are officially closed. Mr. Wick indicated that there is a great deal of funding available within the budget and that they are working on WHIP projects at present. He also continued to indicate that funding will be coming through for farm energy audits. He further reported that there are three individuals in the state that are approved under USDA guidelines to perform these energy audits.

RC&D- Member Davis commented that her position on the RC&D will be vacant in the near future should anyone want to consider applying.

Managers Report- A motion was made by Member Nordstrom to accept manager's report as submitted. Second by Member Bonin. All approved. Motion carried.

Soil Conference- Member Davis commented that the event was well attended and provided useful information. She thanked everyone for their efforts in making the event so successful.

Indemnification Policy - Motion made by member Nordstrom to approve Indemnification Policy. Second by Member Bonin. All approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunn instructed our secretary, Ms Zellars to have the final document typed and ready for signature at our next meeting after which resolution and minutes will be forwarded to our attorney.

North Jersey Managers Meeting- A meeting of all North Jersey District Managers will be held in our district office on December 10th. The agenda was requested by the Sussex District and Morris offered to host the event.

Board Vacancy- A letter of resignation has been received from our supervisor Michael Beneduce. Mr. Dunn indicated that he will reach out to the Morris County Agricultural board. At present we have two individuals who have expressed interest, Phil Roehrich and Marc Slaff. The District Board requested that the Board of Agriculture be invited to submit a individual for consideration.

Harding Twp Temp Wick Road.- Mr. Huff is appealing to our office in reference to house and two barns on Temp Wick Road. Mr. Dunn has informed him by letter that his appeal must be made through the State Committee. The consensus of the Board was that the State Committee should be the arbiter of the Harding Township-Huff appeal.

Audit- The State committee has adopted new requirements in the manual for district audits. Mr. Dunn pointed out that the policy is not clear regarding calculation of surplus. He further commented that in consultation with the Auditor and Frank Minch that the audit will reflect the reserve calculations from the prior audit manual.

SSCC- Managers and Supervisors will meet in Freehold on December 17th to discuss the future of Soil Conservation Partnership and our interaction with NJDEP.

Snow Bird Farm, Washington Twp- We have received a copy of an Administrative Consent Order from The Department of Environmental Protection regarding a Highlands and Stream Encroachment Violation for Snow Bird Farms in Washington Township. The owner began project with a small soil disturbance for a cell tower which then turned into soil blending with a large sediment basin on site. The district has issued a stop work order, received plans and secured compliance well over two years ago. This Administrative Consent Order represents the demand that the land be returned to oits prior condition and that a penalty be paid for violations of various state environmental laws. Mr. Dunn will keep the board updated.

Education Grant- Our Education specialist Sheila Hall has made Application for a \$4,000 grant entitled North Jersey Work Group Series. Motion made by Member Nordstrom to submit grant in the amount of \$4000.00. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

251Certifications- Motion made by Member Bonin to approve 251 Certifications for month of November 2010. Second by Member Nordstrom. All approved. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Member Bonin at 3:30 p.m. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors is to be held on January 26, 2010 at 2 p.m.