

MORRIS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2012

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 16 Highview Ave., Cedar Knolls, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer Jeanette Bonin, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Supervisor; Marc Slaff, Chairman; David Welch, Manager, Joseph Dunn, Secretary; Shelly Zellars, Staff; Jackie Connelly; NRCS; Dan Mull, Supervisor Margaret Nordstrom absent.

Correspondence-

- Conservation Request for applicant in Mendham Township for NRCS
- Letter from Charles Krupis regarding roles of all supervisors.
- April 26 Mountain Lakes Supervisor dinner (District Manager goes free)
- Demo projects clarify demolition for 251

Roll Call for Supervisors;

Member Bonin-yes
Member Welch-yes
Member Davis-yes
Member Slaff- yes
Member Nordstrom- absent

Motion to approve conservation agreement for NRCS made by Member Davis, seconded by member Bonin and all approved. Motion carried.

251 Municipalities- A list of towns we regulate for 251 to be distributed to all supervisors for their review.

We mistakenly accepted a plan from Chester Twp. which is exempt municipality and not to be reviewed by the district. Plan was received and reviewed by our staff. Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to return full refund to applicant. Motion carried.

Managers Report-

Report highlights: Signature of chairman between meetings
USDA Grant for \$24,000 which was awarded in November.
Update on Fenimore Landfill, Roxbury Twp. Project remains active.
Crimi matter trickling to conclusion.
Mr. Dunn will be taking sick leave during February.

Personnel- Progress

Staff- Jackie Connelly

Financial report- Jackie reported that there has been an increase in our health benefits. A sliding scale increase adopted by the state. We presently have 3 employees (2 full time and 1 part time) for which we contribute health benefits. The 2 full time employees will have an increase of 13% and the part time will have a 3 % increase. Jackie commented that an increase in contribution for the part time should be considered. Motion made by member Bonin, seconded by Member Welch and all approved to increase part time contribution to 10% upon review of district attorney. Motion carried.

We have a Certificate of Deposit which will mature in February 2012. Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Welch and all approved to roll CD over into six month certificate of deposit. Motion carried.

Review of Cash balance of December 31, 2011 by board members.

Bill for State Agriculture membership to be submitted in the amount of \$100.00. Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to submit \$100.00 for State Agriculture membership yearly donation. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee- Motion made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Slaff and approved by all to notify and set date for Nominating Committee for supervisors Nordstrom and Bonin. Motion carried.

NRCS-EQUIP Program has changed some of its national initiatives Farm Energy and Organic Farming. There are a few applicants with three deadlines February 3, March 30 and June 1.

There are remaining funds in the AWEP program and signup is open.

Wetland Reserve Program is in need of a sponsor. The Audubon Partnership has to put enhancement into the project.

New Business-

Forestry Stewardship A bill was passed in the Assembly to provide for a forest harvest on state owned land. Copy of bill for board review.

Minutes approval- Motion made by Member Slaff, seconded by Member Davis to approve minutes for January 25, 2012. All approved. Motion carried.

Member Welch to Recuse himself from motion regarding Harding Township

Signatures in between meetings- Mr. Dunn will prepare a resolution allowing signing of certifications between meetings. Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to have signature date between meetings. Motion carried.

251 Certifications- Motion made Member Bonin, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to certify 251 certifications. Motion carried.

RFA Authorization- Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to certify RFA Authorizations. Motion carried.

Executive Session, motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Slaff and all approved to leave public meeting and open executive session at 3:00 p.m.. At conclusion of executive session meeting will be adjourned.

Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to close executive session and adjourn meeting at 3:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be held on February 22, 2012.