

**MORRIS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS MEETING**

August 24, 2016

*The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 550 West Hanover Ave., Morris Township, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer; Marc Slaff, Assistant Treasurer; Bob McEwan, Secretary; Phillip Roehrich, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Manager; Joe Dunn, Secretary; Shelly Hothouse, NRCS; Dave Shaff.*

**Correspondence-** Progress

**Approval of minutes-** Motion made by Member Roehrich, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to approve minutes of July 27, 2016 Motion carried.

**NRCS-** Dave Shaff

- Currently accepting applications for 2017 Programs.
- 13 Active Farm Bill Contracts in Morris County.
- Developed Forest Stewardship Plan for Mendham Twp.
- Forestry implementation and cropland for Washington Twp.
- 13 EQIP Applications
- Received 4 payments in 2016 for \$63,398.48
- 2 Conservation plans for board to sign.
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Dave Reported that he did a presentation on writing plans. Presentation was well received and gave him the opportunity to meet with other agencies that lobby with NRCS.

**Finance-** Motion to pay bills for month of August 2016 made by Member Slaff, Seconded by Member McEwan and all approved. Motion carried.

**Personnel-** New Supervisor (Mr. Nicolas Platt) recommended at August 22, 2016 nominating committee meeting and forwarded to State Committee for final approval.

**Mgr Report-** A Farmer in Pequannock put in a diversion. The district received a complaint from neighbor. Sheila has been working with parties and resolved the issue.

SWO was issued in Pequannock for property owners steep slope which was encroaching onto a neighboring condominium community.

**NJACD Conference Update-** Member Roehrich attended the conference and was quite pleased with the different sessions and tours provided. Next year's conference will be held in Vermont. One tour provided information on native plant vegetation for basins which might be a possibility for our district to fund through grants.

**New Business-** Our Auditor will be in first part of September.

**Computer Tech Position Elimination-** With our Computer Tech unavailable most of the time (out of country) and the need for problems arising with our software it became necessary to hire a computer Tech company to be accessible when needed. New company is IT Radic and can be available within a two hour window. Their hourly charge is \$170.00 to be paid when needed. Motion to eliminate Computer Tech position made by Member McEwan, Seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved. Motion carried. Termination effective September 30, 2016.

**Meeting attendance-** Shelly-Progress

**Executive session-** Not necessary

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

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

*\*Let the minutes reflect Member McEwan abstained from any conflict of interest regarding 251 Certification or litigation.*

Motion made by Member Slaff, seconded by Member Davis to adjourn meeting at 2:50 p.m. All Approved. Motion carried.

Member Roehrich will not be able to attend our September meeting.

Next meeting September 28, 2016.