

**MORRIS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS MEETING
January 25, 2017**

The January 25, 2017 meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was called to order by Chair Louise Davis at 2 PM at 550 West Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, and New Jersey. Mr. Dunn stated that the Open Public Meetings Act requirements have been met. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. adequate notice of this meeting was provided by giving the time, date, and location and to the extent known the agenda of this meeting. At least 48 hours in advance this notice has been posted on the Fourth Floor bulletin board, 30 Schuyler Place, Morris County Annex Building in Morristown; mailed to The Star Ledger, the Daily Record and filed with the Office of County Clerk.

The following individuals were present:

Chair:	Louise Davis
Vice Chair:	Phillip Roehrich
Treasurer:	Marc Slaff
Assistant Treasurer:	Bob McEwan,
Secretary:	Nic Platt
Manager:	Joe Dunn, Jacqueline Connelly,
NRCS:	Dave Schaaf

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis @ 2:00 pm

Correspondence:

Thank you card from Shelly Hothouse

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Member Roehrich to approve December 7, 2016 minutes seconded by Member McEwan. Motion carried and all approved.

Reports:

Personnel-

Chair Davis requested a template of the employees review to be emailed to her to complete the Performance Evaluation for Manager Mr. Dunn for review and to discuss staff annual review at February 22, 2017 meeting .

Finance:

Motion made by Member Slaff to pay the bills for the month of January 2017 and seconded by Member Platt. Motion carried and all approved.

NRCS:

Currently accepting applications for 2017

11 Active Farm Bill Contacts

1 AMA Application

24 EQIP Applications

1 RCPP Application

Forest Habitat for Wildlife workshop to be held in Kinnelon and Newton

Manager Report-

- Manager Meetings will now be quarterly not monthly.
- Sheila Hall & Joseph McEvoy attended managers meeting and afterwards attended Detention Basin Training and are very comfortable with the new computer basin program. MCSCD is only responsible for basins on a go forward basis from recorded basins by Jess from Warren County.
- NJ Dept of Agriculture found money for wells and deer fencing, etc., anyone interested to get application in ASAP, money will go fast.
- Mr. Dunn met with Bill Brash on LTE (license tree experts) effective March 2017 – Mr. Dunn is licensed and can be rented out or be a trainer.

- NJACD Achievement Awards:
- To nominate **KWIT** for Outstanding Developer Award – constructed power lines across Morris County.

Motion made by Member Roehrich to approve the nomination for Outstanding Developer Award seconded by Member McEwan. Motion carried and all approved.

- To Nominate **Ines Zimmerman** for Professional of the Year: - Freehold SCD – USDA CIG Grant and planning initiative for conservation on public lands.

Motion made by Member McEwan to approve the nomination for Professional of the Year seconded by Member Slaff. Motion carried and all approved

Old Business:

Envirothon:

Sheila's next meeting @ Bordentown on February 2, 2017 and confirming all members to make a presence at the Environthon on Saturday May 13, 2017 @ 8 AM

EAB – In progress

Presentations to include – DEP, Heads of Parks and Heads of Forestry.
\$ 5.00 per person attendance fee for March meeting
25 million trees are expected to die and LTE can affect cost of EAB

New Business;

- 2017 New Mileage rate 53.5 cents per mile (down .5 cents)
- Purchase Scanner for Nancy's front desk for \$419.99
- Ok to Email monthly meeting information instead of mailing
- 2017 Yearly Resolution review for signatures at July 26, 2017 meeting.

Motion made by Member McEwan to approve all new business articles, seconded by Member Roehrich. Motion carried and all approved.

Executive Session: Not necessary

Meeting attendance- Jacqueline-Progress

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

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

Member Platt Excused due to a scheduling conflict @ 2:35 PM

Sunset Farms: Pequannock

Did ditch work without plan from USDA - SWO with DEP Dec 2016

- 1- Demand a plan to enforce rules
- 2- SWO until file plans
- 3- Plan should remove trees from ditch

Recommendation SWO - to be determined February Meeting

Parish Farms: Mendham Township

Farm or Regulate under 251?? – Needs 30 % tillable before sale of easement.

Recommendation: Get Plans from Dave Clapp -to be determined February Meeting

Harding - 15 Woodland Road - **Exempt Municipality:**

Send letter of low priority.

Recommendation Do Not Consider our Priority - to be determined February Meeting

Member Platt had left meeting prior to discussion – see not above

Let the minutes reflect Member McEwan abstained from acting on any projects or conflicts affiliated with Bob McEwan Construction regarding 251 Certification or litigation.

Let the minutes reflect Member Platt abstained from any requests on, in or by the Town of Harding Township regarding 251 Certification or litigation.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Member McEwan to adjourn meeting at 3.30 p.m. and seconded by Member Roehrich. Motion carried and all approved.

Next meeting will be held on February 22, 2017

