

**Morris County Soil Conservation District  
Supervisor Meeting  
February 24, 2010**

*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 2:05 p.m. The following individuals were present: Chairman David Welch; Vice Chair, Louise Davis; Treasurer, Jeanette Bonin; Vice Treasurer, Larry Ashley; Secretary, Margaret Nordstrom; Frank Minch; SSCC, Peter Nitsche; Rutgers Extension, Dan Lovato; Washington Valley Rd. Morris Twp. Jim wick, NRCS.*

**Supervisor Roll Call:**

Member Welch, present  
Member Bonin, present  
Member Ashley, present  
Member Nordstrom, present  
Member Davis, present

**Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Member Davis, Seconded by Member Ashley and all approved, with correction that Member Nordstrom was out of the room during Lotta Lettuce Motion.

**Correspondence- Progress**

*Washington Valley Road Exemption Single lot-* Applicant made application for exemption request. Grading plan shows existing dwelling with large disturbance and potential for erosion. Stop Work Order was issued last May for fill on property. Motion made by Member Nordstrom, seconded by Member Davis and all approved that project will be deemed a 251 project. Exemption request denied.

Single Family request will be put on April Agenda as Chairman Welch will not be in attendance for March meeting.

**Staff presentation- Joe McEvoy**

Nursery Operation Manuel- Rough draft distributed to board. Manuel will aid individuals at nursery with the operation of irrigation system. Joe McEvoy was involved in planning, designing and construction of nursery irrigation. Sketches of system, schematics of piping, procedure on how to work siphon system. Power is supplied from electric in barn.

*Evaluation for Manager-* Member Davis has mailed evaluations to board members and would like completed forms returned to her.

**Finance-** Motion to pay bills for month of February 2010. Motion made by Member Bonin, Seconded by Member Ashley and all approved.

**SWSC- Membership** Motion to pay additional \$50.00 made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved.

**NRCS-** Two conservation agreement applicants would like to construct barns. Unfortunately The Highlands severely regulates the building of barns forcing the applicant to apply for a conservation plan which is a low priority. A technical provider would be quite helpful with these plans. Several plan applications have canceled.

**RC&D-** Louise Davis – Our funding has been cut by federal Government. Member Davis will be meeting with legislators to discuss and evaluate situation.

*Exempt municipalities-* April 1, 2010 is the deadline for signed exempt municipality forms. Mr. Dunn will be meeting with Chester on Monday.

Harding Township is currently facing a lawsuit for a single family regulation on one site. Township decided to regulate an individual which would have been an exemption. Township is being sued for township exemption ordinance. Considering the amount of disturbance now it appears it may be a 251 project. Exempt municipality forms are in packet for chairman's' signature.

*PSE&G Power lines-*

Power line project proposed to run through several municipalities in county. Met with PSE&G Power Company and spoke with John Showlar. Fees will be applied by billing and tracking. No special fee schedule to be used per the state office.

SSCC- Frank M inch

Budget meetings next month. Waiting to receive word on aid for Dept of Agriculture. There are several bills being discussed in house. Solar and Wind bill and Proposed Fertilizer bill striving for "0" phosphorous. Soil Health conference being held.

Supervisor training will be held on April 17 for new supervisors.

**Rutgers Extension-** Pete Nitche

A Meeting will be held with North Jersey Tomato growers and North Jersey fruit growers meeting next week.

Sheila- Education State Association needs coordinator for education 8-10 hours per week. Funds would be given to district not individual that leads program. Sheila would have difficult time as it would involve half her hours now. NRCS would provide funds. Tentative Workshop Sheila was working on will be held off until next spring

*Furlough-* Furlough will end the beginning of March 2010.

*Mine Hill-* Crimi To be discussed in Executive session

*Windemere Mine Hill-* Large Driveway put in for access. Modified by tearing up head wall that belonged to town. The Municipal engineer is currently looking at pipe. Possibility of Stop Work Order. Inspection fees will be needed.

Email from Public- Joe Dunn received email from member of public asking if landscaping on individuals property would fall under 251 project. (Disturbance other than agriculture or horticulture.) This has not been regulated in the past. Mr. Dunn will give us guidelines at April meeting regarding Horticulture vs. 251 application.

*Subpoena- Staff person* Ken Sicknick has been served to testify. Ken Sicknick would like an attorney present. Board recommended that he be given the opportunity to speak to council.

Board requested that we interview 3 attorneys for April meeting. Member Welch will not be available for March meeting.

Motion made to leave Public meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of litigation at 4: 20 p.m. made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved.

Motion made to leave Executive Session and return to Public meeting at 4:45 p .m. made by Member Ashley, seconded by Member Davis and all approved.

#### *Part-time Computer position/Pension*

Employee currently employed for computer work in district. Employee went from full time to part time approximately ten years ago. Employee is now employed to maintain computers on part time basis. Employee is currently on pension and upon termination a one time balance of cumulated sick time to be paid. Board asked that Jackie check to see when employee will have 25 years in pension. Discussion will continue next month.

**251 Certifications-** Motion made by Member Ashley, seconded by Member Davis and all approved.

**RFA Authorizations-** Motion made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Ashley and all approved.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 5:00 p.m. made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Ashley and all approved.

**Next meeting** will be held on March 24, 2010