

**Morris County Soil Conservation District  
Supervisors Meeting  
March 25, 2009**

*The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation district was held on the above date at Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 550 West Hanover Ave., and Morris Township N.J. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. The following individuals were present: Chairman, David Welch; Secretary Kenneth Roehrich; Treasurer Jeannette Bonin; Vice Treasurer Larry Ashley; Joseph Dunn, Director; Pete Nitsche Extension; Mario Collazo NRCS; Mr. Lindstrom guest and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Grabowski guests  
Member Louise Davis was absent.*

*Adequate notice of the meeting on this date has been provided through resolution adopted by the board of supervisors at its annual meeting at 550 West Hanover Ave., by posting at the District office, by mailing to the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune newspaper and by filing with the Morris County Clerks Office.*

**Correspondence-**

- Newsletter NACD
- Forestry Newsletter
- New Jerseys 2009 Deer Fence application-Dept of Agriculture
- The Pequannock post newsletter
- Letter from HEP District Storm water Discharge fees to state budget.
- Email/Memo from Cliff Lundin \$236,000 earmarked for NRCS
- Memo From Joe Dunn to MCSCD Staff, Re: Furlough of SCD Staff
- Forestry Urban Grant- Package prepared by Colin Clavdetscher and Jen McDermott

**NRCS-** Maria Collazo

Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Welch and all approved to approve the following plans for Matthew Johnston.

*Union Hill Farm-* Steve Grabowski

Mr Grabowski and and Mr. Lindstrom have come before the board to request decision on disturbance on property. Matter to be tabled for next meeting as there may be conflict of interest.

Motion made by Member Welch, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved to move from public meeting into executive session at 2:40 p.m. Executive session for the purpose of possible litigation.

Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved to move out of Executive session at 3: 05 pm. and back in to public meeting.

**Staff presentation-** Colin will postpone his presentation until next month.

*Furlough*

Reduction in Force/Furlough of Staff/10% Staff Contribution to Health Progress. Policy has been ratified. With vacant position by Jennifer McDermott savings this year will be \$10,000.00. Next years savings will be approx \$30,000.00.

Motion to accept recommendation by sub committee to begin furlough immediately made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Ashley and all approved.

**Education-** Progress

**Finance-** Motion made by member Bonin, seconded by Member Ashley and all approved to pay the bills for February 2009. Member Bonin requested explanation of medical reimbursement for Jennifer McDermott.

**RC&D** Progress- Member Davis absent

**Director-** J. Dunn

April 7<sup>th</sup> will be planting day with volunteers from Johnston and Johnston. We have approximately 12 people coming in to help with the nursery. We also have been in contact with volunteers to help with our seedling wrap this year.

**Extension-** Pete Nitschze- Budget cuts with a reduction of 20% in salaries. One person has left, one has retired and one has gone to weights and measures. We are fortunate to have two liaison freeholders for Extension. Department of Waste Management rules encourage waste animal management plans coming up in March 09.

*Attorney for district-*

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Dunn it was suggested by Chairman Welch that we develop a list of potential candidates for a new district attorney. Chairman Welch also suggested that a sub committee be appointed to review the names.

*Mission Statement/Vision Statement for Nursery-*

Motion to adopt mission statement and vision statement for our nursery made by member Bonin, seconded by Member Ashley all approv

*Forestry Grant Application-*

An application for a Forestry and Urban Community grant has been completed by Jennifer McDermott with the assistance of Colin Clavdetscher and submitted. The work was accomplished electronically via the computer. Focus of grant to be environmental education in class rooms, teaching native/exotic riparian buffers and the use of our nursery for educational purposes.

*Highway Rt 46 Project-* Ken Sicknick has been inspecting December 2008 truck spill accident on bottom of Budd Lake hill, Rt 46, Hackettstown. Clean up of spill resulted in major erosion into stream. Site was never stabilized and a stop work order was issued. We will continue to monitor.

*Exempt municipalities-* Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved to approve the exempt municipality's reports for 2008-2009.

*Request for Assistance-* Jane Cantor Township of Chester - Motion made by Member Bonin to approve request for assistance for Jane Cantor, seconded by Member Ashley and all approved.

**251 Certification-** Motion made by member Bonin, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved to certify 251 authorizations.

**RFA Authorizations-** Motion made by member Bonin, seconded by Member Ashley and all approved to certify RFA Authorizations.

Adjourn- Motion made to adjourn meeting at 3:40 p.m. made by member Bonin, seconded by Member Ashley and all approved.

Next meeting to be held on **March 25, 2009** at 2 p.m.