

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisors Meeting
May 25, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 16 High View Ave., Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The following individuals were present: Chair; David Welch, Treasurer; Jeanette Bonin, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Secretary; Margaret Nordstrom, New Supervisor; Marc Slaff, Manager; Joseph Dunn, Secretary; Shelly Zellars, NRCS; Jim Wick. Staff; Jackie Connelly.

Adequate notice of this meeting on this date has been provided through resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors at its annual meeting at 16 High View Ave., Cedar Knolls, N.J. 07927 by posting at the District's office, by mailing to the Star Ledger and by filing with the Morris County Clerk's office.

Supervisor Roll Call- Chairman Welch requested that secretary Shelly Zellars call the supervisor roll.

Member Bonin- Present
Member Welch- Present
Member Davis- Present
Member Nordstrom- Present
Member Slaff- Present

Correspondence- Read by Mr. Dunn

- Resume from Kyle Burden, interested in Internship for summer
- Request for Assistance- Mr. Edward Terry, 8 East Hill Road, Long Valley
- Article with regards to "Fake Farmers" and the Farmland Assessment program
- Request for Permit Fee Waiver at Moore Estates, Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Nordstrom to deny fee waiver, All approved, Motion carried.
- Great Swamp Bulletin
- Soil Compactor Tester

Approval of Minutes- Motion made by Member Bonin, Seconded by Member Davis and all approved to approve minutes of April 27, 2011 with small correction to spelling. Motion carried.

Personnel- We have received a resume for internship this summer to help with the Nursery, education etc. The Individuals name is Kyle Burden. Work will consist of mowing, weed wacking and general maintenance for our Nursery. Motion made by Member Davis, to allow Mr. Dunn to interview Mr Burden and upon Mr. Dunn's approval offer the position at \$10.00 per hour with hours as needed by district. Seconded by Member Bonin and all approved. Motion carried.

Finance- Motion to pay the bills for Month of May 2011 made by Member Bonin, Seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved. Motion carried.

NRCS- Jim Wick

Mr Wick reported that a summer intern from Hudson County will be helping in NRCS. Funding has been continued for this year but with uncertainty for next. Mr. Wick commented that there are very few conservation plans to be signed this month.

Request for Assistance: Motion made by Member Norstrom, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to approve Request for Assistance for Fox Hill, in Long Valley, N.J.

Forestry Opportunities are available through EQIP. The Organic Transition to Organic Opportunities program is currently accepting applications for 2012 Funding. We currently have 4-5 applications for AWEP and one conservation EQIP Forestry 2011 plan for signature.

RC&D- Member Davis reported that she has not been attending the RC&D meetings. Member Davis commented that due to lack of federal funds, they are now functioning on grant money. After much discussion it was the decision of the board to discontinue their partnership with RC&D.

Motion made by Member Nordstrom to have Mr. Dunn forward a letter on behalf of the District withdrawing from RC&D, Second by Member Davis and all approved. Motion carried.

Envirothon- Unfortunately the District did not make any donations to the Envirothon this year as Mr. Dunn believes we never received a voucher from the state. Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved that we make a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Envirothon. Motion carried.

SSCC- Progress

Rutgers Extension- Progress

Finance- Mrs Connelly reported that our profit and loss for the year has been very poor. Additional steps will be needed to slow our financial loss. Our health benefits will be examined by our Personnel Supervisor, Louise Davis and our Chairman David Welch.

Our Bookkeeper Mrs Connelly gave a short financial overview to our new Supervisor, Member Slaff.

Mrs Connelly reported that our nine month CD could be rolled over for .55 percent. Motion made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved to roll our 9 month Certificate of Deposit with Lakeland Savings over for the interest rate of .55. Motion carried.

Seedling sales this year were very close to last years numbers.

Managers Report- Mr. Dunn

Mr. Dunn recently attended a NJACD training session on legislative initiatives. During the meeting there was discussion regarding soil conservations and their support of state and local agencies in their responsibilities especially in the farmland Assessment program.

Fake Farming/Farmland Assessment Program- Mr Dunn commented that consulting foresters would be liable for any oversights in the program. One such idea would be to have Soil Erosion staff to be inspectors for the program. The need to have sufficient oversight in farmland assessment can be met by our SCD's. Motion made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Norstrom to accept managers report as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

Resolutions- Mr. Dunn indicated that he will have a consent agenda for the July meeting regarding District Resolutions.

District Web Site Agreement with County-
Member Nordstrom was absent from the room.

Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis to approve Web site agreement with Morris County for Web program management at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for approximately one hour per week. All approved. Motion carried. Ms. Zellars will notarize the contract.

Nominating Committee- The nominating committee's first choice for the vacant position on the board was Mr. Marc Slaff who is amongst us today. The committee strongly suggested that the second nominee, Phillip Roehrich be asked to re apply next year.

Member Welch requested that District shirts be ordered for board members. Ms. Zellars will obtain sizes and order for members.

School Projects in Randolph- Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved to empower Chairman Welch to sign in between meetings for two Randolph Township school certifications.

4 H Fair- It has been brought to the attention of the board that due to limited staff this year we will forgo the 4 H Fair held in Chester NJ.

Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to close public meeting at 3:14 p.m. and open Executive Session at 3:15 p.m. Executive Session for the purpose of litigation.

Motion made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to close Executive Session at 3:35 and open public meeting at 3:36 p.m.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Member Bonin, Seconded by Member Davis to adjourn meeting at 3:40 p.m. All approved. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be held on June 22, 2011.