

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisors Meeting
July 27, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 16 Highview Ave., Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The following individuals were present. Chair: David Welch, Treasurer; Jeanette Bonin, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Secretary; Margaret Nordstrom, Supervisor Marc Slaff, Manager; Joseph Dunn, Secretary; Shelly Zellars, 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 26 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

- Letter from Attorney Joseph Speidel- Wharton complaint Kazawics's.
- South Jersey Tour Des Farms 9/10/11
- Conservation Agreement- Hansen Chester Twp. Send NRCS Whip Program
- ELF Environmental Liability for small consultants
- Multi Tech Engineers, letter for Boonton Twp. 83 Old Denville Rd

Approval of minutes...Motion made by Member Nordstrom, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved to approve minutes of June 2011 with small corrections to grammar.

Staff- Quarterly Report- Jackie Connelly

Jackie commented that the quarterly report numbers will be altered after today's meeting. Jackie also pointed out that a Certificate of Deposit is coming due. Motion made by Member Bonin seconded by Member Davis and all approved to roll Certificate of Deposit into 6 month Certificate of Deposit . Motion carried.

Kearney accounts- All Accounts are finished and closed and they are now with Provident Bank. Jackie reported that the Audit is scheduled for August 10.

Election of Officers

David Welch- Chairman
Louise Davis- Vice Chairman
Margaret Nordstrom- Secretary
Marc Slaff- Assistant Treasurer
Jeanette Bonin- Treasurer

Motion made by member Nordstrom, second by Member Davis and all approved to keep officers the same. Motion carried

Finance- Member Bonin

Motion to pay bills- Motion made by Member Nordstrom to pay the monthly bills, second by Member Bonin, all approved. Motion carried.

Member Davis-NRCS/SCD Training- Member Davis reported that there were about 75 in attendance from five Soil Conservation Districts. A narrative was given on Duke Farms with 1000 acres to be opened up for the public and US Fish and Wildlife spoke about federal money available for wetlands. NOFA was also present on organic farming.

Member Davis commented that a bee pollinator was available to speak. The NJ Evasive Species strike team spoke on dealing with invasive species. Member Davis commented that there was also discussion on the Pine beetle.

Conservation Plan- Request for assistance on Conservation plan. Motion made by Member Nordstrom to accept Request for Assistance, second by Member Bonin and all approved. Motion carried.

Manager Report- Joseph Dunn

Mr Dunn reported that an insurance claim has been filed with our liability insurance for driveway damage to a neighbors driveway. The claim was initially filed with Risk Management of Morris County. Neighbor reported that it might have been one of our staff.

Questions arose regarding environmental liability. Mr Dunn will look into environmental liability insurance.

Request to Expedite Fenimore Landfill- Project involves Capping landfill and putting solar farm on top. Motion made by Member Davis to allow chairman to sign certification in between meetings, second by Member Bonin, all approved. Motion carried.

Attendance for Supervisors- Progress

Resolution- Resolutions for District, Motion made by Member Nordstrom, seconded by Member Slaff and approved. Motion carried.

Health Benefit-

Health Benefits cuts could result in three choices by the board.

- 10%
- 20%
- 30%
- Only coverage for employee and not family members unless employee would like to contribute to extra coverage.

Our Board members will look at the impending state policy before making decision for district. Member Nordstrom commented that the County will be implementing sliding scale. Health Benefits discussion will be tabled for another month. State policy is implemented over time. Although state has policy we are not mandated to follow that policy and can do more.

251 Revenue

Potential list of Revenues-

- Seedling Sale
- Rain Barrel
- GPS
- Leeds Program
- Education program
- Storm water kit
- Learning modules
- Soil Tunnel
- Negotiation Fees
- Continued work on 251

Bright Ideas

- Contact with Highlands Council Staff
- Evaluate Cost Benefits for next meeting
- Nursery Stock- potential list for customers
- Rain Barrel- How cost effective is program?

Other possibilities for Revenues-

- Letter of Interpretation- Possible do as pilot program for us only.
- 53G's inspections
- Close out flood plans

Mr. Dunn commented that we have a GPS Unit which could be run by a trained staff member.

Education- Summer Camp- Member Davis and Sheila Hall have begun an outline for a District Summer Camp for possibly next year. Member Davis would like to see a mailing in the fall for public feedback. She also commented that we would charge a fee for our service.

251 Data Base Program

Mr. Dunn commented that the use of our data base could be purchased by other districts. Specifically the Hudson Essex Passaic District who is interested. Member Welch will speak with our attorney and obtain information.

Next Supervisor meeting will be held on August 24, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. to allow staff to attend for one hour prior to meeting. Board would like to speak with staff and receive input on cost effectiveness of programs in our district.

Memo of Understanding for Randolph- Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to accept Memo of Understanding for Township of Randolph. Motion carried.

251 Certifications- Motion made by Member Nordstrom, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved to approve 251 Certifications. Motion carried.

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

Adjournment of Meeting- Motion made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Bonin to adjourn meeting at 4 p.m.. All approved. Motion carried.