

**MORRIS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 540 West Hanover Ave., Morris Township, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer Jeanette Bonin, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Supervisor Marc Slaff, Secretary Margaret Nordstrom, Chairman, David Welch; Manager, Joseph Dunn, Shelly Zellars; Secretary. Guests included Kathy Defillipo, Roxbury Twp. Council; Bill Dluzniewski, Open Space Committee for Roxbury, Michael Kobylarz, Roxbury Township Engineer and three residents; Mr and Mrs Dege and C. Peilito.

Correspondence- progress

Approval of minutes- Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved with corrections to wording in Managers report. Motion carried.

Payment for NACD Payment was approved. Correction to minutes to accept correction. Motion to accept correction Louise and Jeanette.

Fenimore Landfill-Roxbury Township

Mr. Dunn gave brief history of Fenimore Landfill in Roxbury Township. Various points of interest were outlined for board and public attending with landfill concerns.

Initial application was filed by owner in December 2010 requesting project exemption. It was determined that application would be required for cutting of trees on 50 acres. Wood chips are permissible for stabilization with DEPE permit. Our District Plan was certified by board allowing wood chips as temporary stabilization.

February 2011- Site is active with felled trees being chipped. The main roads were rutted and chips were being used to backfill silt fence which is not normal practice.

March 2011- Application has a USEPA mandated deadline of 4.1.11 for endangered species (Indiana Bat) with mandate of requiring extremely small equipment to perform the necessary work. Site also has equipment limitations which limits size of chipper. Project contractor decides to begin felling trees without chipping in order to meet the USEPA deadline of 4.1.11

The project is slowed to dormancy by the end of March and equipment ready for removal. Mr. Dunn issues inspection letter indicating the measures specified in the plan that are still needed on the site.

April 2011- Joint meeting with Applicant, Contractor, Design Professional, and NJDEP FWW & FHA representatives takes place in early April. Revisions were submitted to the District board in April 2011 meeting regarding hazard fencing and tree chipping. They were denied.

August-September 2011 A new application for entire cap design was submitted. The plan was reviewed and deemed incomplete. A meeting between the Design Professional and manager results results in reduced area submission for 16 acres with revised plans for 10.24.11

A District Board meeting of 10.28.11 results with conditional certification with Chair and Manager to empower to finalize conditions between meetings.

State office does not support chipping of trees and DEP is allowing burying of trees. Solid waste permit allows bringing in crushed concrete with fill.

Chairman Welch commented that we have a very narrow focus on resource issues. There is a lot of potential for runoff but applicant does have soil permit to satisfy this board. Mud on road will be issue enough to take legal action.

Mr. Dunn explains that Phase I is to be completed by July 2012 and there will be a meeting with the DEPE on December 22 in Trenton.

Mr. Dunn pointed out that a detention pond must be constructed before it is capped to catch any runoff.

Residents main concerns are trees being buried, fill being brought on site, runoff on steep slopes and final cap. Mr. Dunn reiterated that we are only concerned with Soil Erosion measures and will continue our inspections. Mr. Dunn indicated that residents should notify the district with any mud violations they may see.

NRCS- Progress

Next meeting- January 25, 2012.

A five minute recess requested by Chairman Welch at 3:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Public meeting resumed

Finance- Motion to pay bills for month of November made by Member Davis, Seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved. Motion carried.

Personnel- Progress

Mgr Report- Progress- Report in packets for review.

Meeting attendance- Shelly-Progress

Forestry- Mr. Dunn reported that he will be sending out bills to forestry clients.

Nursery closed. Mr. Dunn commented that we have received an offer from a Morris Township resident to do volunteer work in nursery if we want.

Christmas luncheon- It was the decision of the staff to schedule a belated Christmas luncheon for the staff and supervisors on Jan 5th. Email will be sent to supervisors as a reminder.

Audit for state- State audit proposed suggestions for each district.

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

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

Motion made by Member Slaff, seconded by Member Davis to adjourn meeting at 4:30 p.m. All Approved. Motion carried.