

Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisors Meeting
March 27, 2013

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 2:00 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer; Marc Slaff, Assistant Treasurer; Bob McEwan, Chairman; David Welch, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Manager; Joseph Dunn, NRCS; Dave Shaff, District Attorney; Jack Pidgeon, Secretary; Shelly Zellars, N.J. Water Supply Authority; Kathy Hale and Sarah Habel. Absent was Phillip Roehrich.

Correspondence- Joseph Dunn

- N.J. Association of Conservation Districts requesting donation for Envirothon of 2013.
- N.J. Agriculture Society- /Spring Gala
- Draft Document for comment- Administrative Order request for damage funds
- Pidgeon and Pidgeon Email correspondence to attorney general.

Supervisor Roll Call:

Member Welch yes

Member Davis-yes

Member Slaff- yes

Member McEwan- yes

Member Roehrich-absent

Mini Grant/NJ Water Supply Authority- Kathy Hale and Sarah Habel- Cost share to farmers. Practices for Water Quality. Funding will match NRCS funding. Applications and brochures passed out.

NRCS- Dave Shaff- Tech Assistance in area

Loss of WHIP can be done through EQIP. One plan for approval for chairman.

Currently contracting 2013 EQIP applications/ Contracted 5 New EQIP contracts.

32 Active Farm Bill Contracts in Morris County;

EQIP Plans in Washington, Boonton Harding, Chatham and Chester.

9 Applications for EQIP- 5 already contracted

1 Application for AMA 3 Applications for AWEP

Jennifer Byrne let go due to budget cuts.
WLFW and AWEF application deadline extended to April 19.

Minutes Approval- Motion to approve minutes for February 27, 2013 meeting made by Member Slaff, seconded by Member McEwan and all approved. Motion carried.
Member Davis abstains.

Executive Session- Motion to close public meeting and go into executive session at 2:15 made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved. Motion carried.
Executive Session for the purpose of litigation.

Motion made to close executive session at 3:10 and return to public meeting made by Member McEwan, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved. Motion carried.

Motion made to issue Stop Work order on Fennimore Landfill and have attorney forward letter to Judge with our concerns regarding storm water basin made by Member Davis, seconded by Member McEwan and all approved. Motion carried.

Envirothon Donation

Motion made by Member Davis, seconded by Member McEwan and all approved to send \$500.00 donation to Envirothon. Motion carried.

Personal- Progress

Finance- Motion pay bills for March 2013 made by Member McEwan, Seconded by Member Davis and all approved. Motion carried.

Poster Contest winners will receive certificates signed by our Chairman.

Managers' Report- Chatham Township- Statistics on tree sales were great. Packed room with 145 trees sold. One event down and two to go. As per our previous meeting 800 trees were ordered with 1000 stakes. There will be six weeknight and weekend presentations in the two townships (Chatham and Long Hill). Both towns have passed resolutions in support of a shared services agreement. Which "back stop" our losses.

Supervisors Tour of Power lines- Carry over to next meeting.

Supervisor Dinner/Meeting reminder- April 10, 2013 6:00 p.m. Zerios in Mt. Lakes NJ

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

RFA- Motion made by Member Slaff and seconded by Member Davis and all approved to authorize RFA approvals. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 3:25 p.m. made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved. Motion carried.

Next meeting Aril 24, 2013.