

**Morris County Soil Conservation District  
Supervisors Meeting  
October 21, 2009**

*The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at the Helen Fenske Center on Pleasant Road in Basking Ridge NJ. The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. The following individuals were present: Jeanette Bonin, Treasurer; Louise Davis, Vice Chair; David Welch, Chair; Margaret Nordstrom, Board secretary; Jim Wick, NRCS; Shelly Zellars, Secretary; Joseph Dunn, District Director; Absent was Larry Ashley, Vice Treasurer. Also in attendance was Laura Gould of the Friends of the Great Swamp.*

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

**Correspondence:**

- Morris County Agricultural Board- summary of Smith Farm Preservation
- Request for Assistance, Fairmount Land Corp. Washington Twp.
- Email from Attorney Jack Pigeon- Voting in Executive Sessions
- NJBIA Cap Memo- More user friendly DEP
- NACD Membership
- Margaret Nordstrom confirmation as Supervisor by State Committee
- NACD Meeting in Florida January 31, 2010-February 3, 2010.
- NACD Balance invoice \$50.00 Membership for Ken Roehrich
- Resumes for District Lawyers
- Bill/Estimate for Nursery- Trees for spring of 2010

**Supervisor Roll Call**

Member Welch, yes  
Member Bonin, yes  
Member Davis, yes  
Member Ashley, absent  
Member Nordstrom, yes

*Dedication of Ludlow Thurston painting-*

Dedication of Ludlow Thurston painting to Helen Fenske Center made by Director Dunn. The Ludlow Thurston print was commissioned by the Morris County Soil Conservation District during the term of former Supervisor Mills Bockhoven. The Painting was a rendering of Mr. Bockoven's farm. A second painting of past member James Vreelands' Barn in Montville was also painted and is currently with the Vreeland family. Representative, Laura Gould graciously accepted the painting and gave a brief tour of the facility.

"Friends of the Great Swamp" will receive the 2009 NJACD Award for Outstanding Conservation Group at the October 27<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Motion made to approve Invoice for NACD donation of \$775.00 made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved.

Motion made to approve donation to RC&D in the amount of \$450.00 made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved.

Invoice for Former Member Roehrich from the Conservation National Resource was denied.

**Minutes approval-** Motion made by Member Nordstrom, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to approve minutes of September 2009 with correction to 501C3 Non profit (tax exempt organization).

**Staff presentation-** No staff presentation this month, moved to December 2009 meeting.

*Rain Barrels-* Staff members Ken Sicknick and Joe McEvoy were present at the Maplewood Event on October 10, 2009 in which they sold six rain barrels. A presentation will be given to the board at the December meeting.

**Finance-** Motion made by Member Nordstrom, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to pay the bills for October 2009.

Signature update for Kearny Federal Savings Accounts- Motion made by Member Nordstrom and seconded by Member Davis to have the signatures on the payroll and general accounts changed to Member Jeanette Bonin, Member Larry Ashley and Director Joe Dunn, removing retired member Kenneth Roehrich.

*Credit card-* Member Bonin is to be notified of all pending purchases with district credit card. All credit cards are to be relinquished including a card presently being held by past member Ken Roehrich. Shelly offered to stop by and pick up Former Member Roehrich's card.

Our bookkeeper Jackie Connelly will present a list of items on the charge card for Member Bonin's approval each month.

**NRCS-** Jim Wick

Several Conservation plans are currently being worked on. Tom Drewes will be at the NJACD conference on Tuesday to do presentation on confidentiality forms and guidelines for 2010. There are funds available for the 12 different programs in the AWIP program

**RC&D-** Louise Davis. RC&D Project list given to Shelly for file.

**Director-**

*Draft 251-* New guidelines drafted by Tim Dunne for regulation of farm buildings. A Soil Health Conference will be held March 9, 2010 in Burlington County for staff and supervisors.

**251 Procedures**

*Enforcement matters-* Policy for issuance of Violation Notice and Stop Work Orders. Violation notices will be under the discretion of the inspector and all Stop work orders will be issued upon approval from the Chairman Welch.

- Inspection letter (non compliant) by Staff
- SWO- notifies chairman and signed by Director.
- Report of Compliance- staff
- Litigation- Chairman, supervisor notified. Review by Board.
- Resolution for 251 procedures will be presented for approval at December meeting.
- All calls from Press regarding 251 violation issues to be referred to DirectorDunn.

**SSCC-** Reported by Member Davis

The N. J. State DAG would like the \$25.00 fee schedule published in the State Registry, which could prove to be costly. It was suggested that we wait until fee is approved by state and then publish in local papers for each district.

*District attorney-* District attorney resumes (3 total).

Mr. Jack Pigeon, Mr. Edward Wacks and Mr. John Napolitano, County Council. Suggested by Chairman Welch that we try Mr. Napolitano for next issue and for day to day issues consult Mr Pigeon.

Motion to go into Executive Session for purposes of litigation and out of Public Meeting at 3:55 p.m. made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved.

Motion to come out of executive session and into public meeting at 4:15 p.m. made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Nordstrom and all approved.

Executive Minutes are not to be released until litigation is settled. Finished and approved minutes to be forwarded to board supervisors.

As requested by Chairman Welch, Reorganization will be put on agenda for December 2009 meeting.

*Conference NJACD October 27, 2009.* Nominee winners were Friends of Great Swamp. District will buy dinner for Ken and Joan Roehrich, Joe Dunn, Louise Davis, Jeanette Bonin and David Welch.

*Chester Stephens Farm- Mt. Olive*

Mr. Stephens's farm will be receiving soil from a utility company. Staff member Sheila Hall will speak to the utility company regarding necessity of plan. Violation notice is anticipated. Land Leveling plans have been received from NRCS.

*Christmas Luncheon-* to be held at office on December 16, 2009. Meeting will begin at 10:30 and lunch will be scheduled for 12:00 noon. Everyone has agreed to bring a dish or food item.

*Nominating Committee-* Supervisor Board would like to broaden Committee. Need for transparency as we now have members that are connected to Morris County. Names of possible nominees would be greatly appreciated. Joe Dunn will remain as secretary.

*Trees for Nursery-* Tree order estimate quite high. We will check with local nurseries

Ken Roehrich will pay for tree order in advance.

**251 Denial-** Motion made to deny project Prospect Street LLC #9 (07-6926) without prejudice for failure to address items in our review letter. Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved.

Member Nordstrom left meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Motion made to adjourn meeting made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved.

Next meeting will be held on December 16, 2009 at our office location, 16 Highview, Cedar Knolls N.J. No meeting will be held in November 2009.