

Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisor Meeting
October 27, 2010

*The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 16 High View Avenue . Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. The following individuals were present: Chair; David Welch, Treasurer; Jeanette Bonin, Vice Chair; Louise Davis, Manager; Joseph Dunn, Secretary; Shelly L. Zellars, Staff; Jackie Connelly.
Member Beneduce and Member Nordstrom, absent.*

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- Chair requested that secretary Shelly Zellars call the roll.

Jeanette Bonin-present
Louise Davis- present
David Welch- present
Margaret Nordstrom- absent
Michael Beneduce- absent

Correspondence

- Forestry Resources
- Arborist Newsletter
- Harding Township Ordinance #10
- 1619AgreementforNRCS
Morris County Agriculture Board- Ralph Santi
- NACD Annual Meeting February, Nashville TENN
- Letter from State committee- Draft Policy, Storm water Management Facilities
- Dept of agriculture Animal Waste Mgt Rules
- Memo from Frank Minch- Supervisors per Diem
- Email-Resolution from Cliff Lundin
- Email-Resolution from Bill Brash
- Invoice RC&D Membership dues 450.00
- Outstanding Farmer nomination form
- Letter from JD Harding Township Ordinance

Approval of Minutes - Motion made by Member Davis to approve minutes of September 2010. with minor grammar changes. Second by Member Bonin. All approved. Motion carried.

Personnel- Member Davis, Progress

SSCC- Progress

Finance- Jackie Connelly (Leave of absence report)

The District Auditor presented a question regarding unrestricted funds. We will await an answer from Frank Minch in the state office.

The District shows a loss of \$2,940.53 for the month of October. Our year to date loss totals \$33,758.36. Any additional training costs will have to be discussed and funds transferred as there remains \$100.00 in the account.

Jackie reported that we have changed our Liability Insurance carrier from Aspen Specialty to United States Liability with a Yearly Savings of \$1260.00.

Jackie has prepared an outline of work for her medical leave and how responsibilities will be dealt with during her leave.

- All mileage checks for inspectors have been paid up to Oct 26th including Ken Sicknick's misplaced mileage for July 29 & 30th in the amount of \$14.00.
- A request for extension on RFA payments has been forwarded to Frank Minch. If payment is required, Jackie will calculate and forward the necessary check.
- Sufficient funds will be deposited to cover payroll/pension/health insurance and all other checks during Jackie's absence.
- Any Deposits will be written by Shelly and deposited weekly by a staff member.
- A check for John Satta will be mailed by Secretary, Shelly Zellars at the end of November.

Motion made by Member Davis to accept recommended finance outline. Second by Member Bonin. All Approved. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bonin to pay bills for October, November and December 2010 in Jackie's absence. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Davis to allow Member Bonin to sign and pay bills in between meeting. Second by Member Bonin. All approved. Motion carried.

Actionable items in correspondence-

- Harding Township Ordinance
- Santini Property
- Nashville NACD Event
- Draft policy storm water
- Agriculture Waste policy
- Memo supervisor Per Dieum, we still collect meeting date and time and submit as usual for liability insurance records.

RC&D- Progress

NRCS- Progress

Manager Report- Motion to accept manager's report as submitted.

The Leeds Training went well with Mr. Dunn and Mr. McEvoy in attendance. There is a 90 day preparation period for study before the test will be given. Mr. Dunn explained exam fees for each individual will be \$150.00.

Managers Meeting Report- Member Davis

Member Davis reported that it is obvious DEP would like to take control of Soil Conservations Districts. She felt there is an opportunity to inform the Secretary of Agriculture on the benefits of the Soil Conservation Program. She suggested a meeting of the Districts to compile convincing arguments in defense of Soil Conservations. Dave will be in touch with Mr. Bagger as he is on red tape committee. Members Welch and Member Davis will try and arrange a meeting with him.

Old Business- Resolutions

Shelly has been in touch with Sussex and Mercer Soil Conservation Districts regarding resolutions that we are reviewing and were hoping to compare with other districts. Emails from Sussex and Mercer indicate that they do not have resolutions just policies.

Mr. Dunn suggested that we look at resolutions at our next meeting, adopt and forward to attorney.

Board Vacancy-

Member Michael Benneduce contacted our office in September and indicated that he would be resigning from the Board. He further indicated that a letter would follow. As of this date we have not received a letter but Mr. Dunn will be in touch with him to obtain written confirmation. Until that time we will consider him an absentee member.

It was suggested that we reach out to the Board of Agriculture for names of possible candidates. Mr. Dunn commented that two individuals Marc Slaff, a retired Mosquito Commission Director and Phillip Roehrich, farmer in Washington Township are interested.

Our Bank signature cards will need to be updated. It was suggested that we have three people preferably Member Bonin, Mr. Dunn and a third individual.

Harding Township Ordinance-

Mr. Dunn explained that the Harding Township Ordinance is not quite a soil erosion ordinance but upgrades the present grading ordinance. Mr. Dunn commented that he can accept it in its present form and feels the board should adopt it.

Motion made by Member Bonin to accept the Harding Township Ordinance and forward to the State Committee. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

619 Privacy gathering NRCS-

Motion to adopt NRCS 1619 Privacy gathering made by Member Bonin. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

251 Denial without prejudice-

251 Denial with out prejudice Long Hill Township 1202 Long Hill Rd.
Over 6 months without any action.

Motion made by Member Bonin to deny project on 1202 Long Hill Rd, Long Hill Township without prejudice. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

Certifications for 251- Motion made by Member Davis, to approve certifications for October 2010. Second by Member Bonin. All approved. Motion carried.

RFA Authorizations- Motion made by Member Bonin to approve RFA Authorizations. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

District Summer Camp-Louise- Member Davis asked Education Specialist Sheila Hall to outline a District summer camp program. Our financial budget at this time prevents us from moving forward with such an idea but we might consider possible summer projects at the County Arboretum.

Executive session -for the purposes of litigation.

Motion made by Member Davis to leave public meeting and open executive session at 3:45 p.m. Second by Member Bonin. All approved. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bonin, to leave executive session and adjourn public meeting at 3:55 p.m. Second by Member Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

Next Meeting- To be held on December 8, 2010 upon attendance verification with Member Nordstrom.