

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisors Meeting
July 29, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 550 West Hanover Ave., and Morris Township, N. J. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer, Jeanette Bonin; Vice Treasurer, Larry Ashley; Louise Davis, Vice Chair; Director Joseph Dunn; SSSC, Frank Minch; NRCS, Jim Wick; staff Sheila Hall; Shelly Zellars, Secretary.

Absent: Chairman David Welch

Adequate notice of the meeting on this date has been provided through resolution adopted by the board of supervisors at its annual meeting at 550 West Hanover Ave., by posting at the District office, by mailing to the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune newspaper and by filing with the Morris county Clerks Office.

Motion made by Member Bonin, Seconded by Member Davis to approve the minutes of June 24, 2009 all approved.

Roll Call

*Member Bonin, yes
Member Davis, yes
Member Ashley, yes
Absent Chairman Welch*

Correspondence-

- Email regarding Agriculture vs. 251. Response to Farm Bureau after critical letter regarding Agriculture vs..251 decisions on the part of Soil conservation.

Staff Presentation

Sheila- Farm Fresh Dinner

Event is scheduled for Sept 9, 2009. To be held at Wightmans Farm on 202. We have a Chef lined up. Hoping to line up vegetable and meat suppliers in the Morris county area. Finalizing brochure and putting on line. We will need table cloths, plates, and tents. Cost will be \$30.00 per person and 10.00 per child. We will advertise charge walkins 40.00 and 15.00 for children. We expect to gross approx 3,500.00. It was suggested that we purchase dinnerware to use each year.

Greenhouse Reduction Grant- Goal is to find providers of fresh produce within a 100 mile radius and eat locally. Website would provide information on program. Grant is for \$50,000.00 and a consultant can be hired with some of the funds. Motion made by

Member Davis, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved to delegate Member Bonin to sign approval in between meetings for this certification.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction- Joe Dunn

Forestry Inventory- Look at existing wood lots for conservation management. Motion to apply for Green house Gas grants made by Member Bonin, Seconded by Member Davis and all approved.

Personal-Progress

Finance- Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Davis and all approved to pay bills for July 2009.

NRCS- Jim wick- a few plans have been presented for signature. NRCS very busy wrapping up 2009 Farm funding projects. Deadline is August 15, 2009.

Signup for funding for next years projects with deadline of August 28, 2009.

RC&D- Louise Davis- NRCS is looking at feasibility study. Lands in conservation that need management.

Director- Yearly forestry plans coming to an end. Deadline is Aug 1, 2009. We are drawing in good money with plans.

SSCC- Frank Minch- State meeting on August 11. One topic will look at alternative funding ideas for revenues. Coming up 400,000.00 short this year.

DEP wants to have electronic permitting with RFA's. This will also be discussed at meeting on 11th.

New Attorney- We have a new attorney. Mr. Pidgeon from Princeton NJ. Charges 100.00 per hour and just received a contract to sign with him.

New Supervisor- State Committee to vote on New supervisor Margaret Nordstom on August 11, 2009. Paper work will be forwarded to us for processing her nomination.

Auditors letter- letter for auditor signed by member Davis. Charge for auditor is 5,000.00

Frank Minch mentioned that he will provide inkind letter for auditor when Jackie needs it.

It was suggested that we look into using a mutual auditor for other districts to share cost.

Vacation carryover- Mr. Dunn has 2 ½ weeks of vacation to carry over. Must be taken before 9/31/09 or lost.

Farm fresh dinner for September 16, 2009.

Annual Awards- Selection are ok.

Office painting to be donated in fall to Great Swamp outdoor. We might hold Octo 28th meeting there.

251 Certifications

Motion made by Member Bonin, seconded by Member Ashley and all approved for 251
Motion made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Bonin and all approved for RFA

Executive Session

Motion made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Bonin to move into executive and leave public meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Executive session for litigation

Motion made by Member Ashley and seconded by Member Bonin to move into public meeting and out of executive session at 3:55 p.m. all approved.

Motion made by Member Ashley and seconded by Member Davis to adjourn meeting at 4:00pm all approved.

Next meeting August 26, 2009