

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisor Meeting
October 29, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 550 West Hanover Ave., Morris Plains, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer; Marc Slaff, Vice Treasurer; Bob McEwan, Chair; David Welch, Secretary; Phil Roehrich. Secretary; Shelly Hothouse, Manager; Joe Dunn. Absent: Louise Davis.

Adequate notice of this meeting on this date has been provided through resolutions adopted by the board of supervisors at its annual meeting at 550 West Hanover Ave., Morris Plains, N.J. by posting at the County Clerks Office, by mailing to the Star Ledger and by filing with the Morris County Clerks Office.

Member Roll Call

Member Roehrich- Yes
Member Slaff- Yes
Member McEwan- Yes
Member Welch- Yes
Member Davis- No

Approval of Minutes- Motion made by Member McEwan, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved to approve minutes of September 24, 2014. Motion carried.

Finance- Motion to pay the bills made by Member McEwan, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved. Motion carried.

NRCS Report- There are ten applications being reviewed in the Conservation Action Program. There are four conservation plans for signature. One in Califon, One in Jefferson and two in Washington. A request for Assistance. Design for vegetative filter strip/Sheep Milking operation. First round of 2015 EQIP/AMA sign up cut off on October 17th. 9 EQIP Applications and 1 AMA Application. Austin Drager, a new Soil Conservationist will be joining NRCS from Bethlehem PA to start on November 3. Round Two cutoff: EQIP Energy/Organic January 16, 2015.

Managers' Report- Joseph Dunn

County Bridge in Mendham Township had application and approval from our office. Contractor dumped fill in stream next to bridge. Took contractor two weeks to clean up but he did complete. We have been doing inspections and keeping on top of the situation. Mr. Dunn will be attending meeting tomorrow at 2 p.m. for Fenimore Landfill.

NJACD Conference November 24, 2014. Supervisors Slaff and Roehrich will be attending along with staff from our office.

New Forest Stewardship rules- Mr. Dunn did letters for all forestry clients outlining required work and new rules for forestry plans. Fines for work not completed will be forth coming in January 2015.

Resolution raising part time hours to 30 per week. Resulting in one more hour per day for Sheila. Hall and allowing Jackie Connelly to fill in for Shelly Hothouse when she is out.

Resolution to authorize a change in the average number of hours of employment per week required for “full-time” status for participation in the State Benefits program and or Scholl Employees Health Benefits Program in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2

Motion made by Member Slaff, seconded by Member McEwan and all approved to increase part time hours to 30 per week. Motion carried.

NACD Donation- gold Level of \$775.00. Motion made by Member Roehrich, seconded by Member Slaff and all approve to make a donation to the NACD in the amount of \$775.00 for the annual dues.

Executive Session- No Necessary

251 Certifications- Motion made by Member McEwan, seconded by Member Roehrich and all approved to certify 251 Certifications. Motion carried.

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

Meeting Adjournment- Motion Made by Member Roehrich, seconded by Member Slaff and all approved to adjourn meeting at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be tentatively held on December 10 pending verification by supervisors and their availability.