

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisors Meeting
October 24, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Morris County Soil Conservation District was held on the above date at 16 High view Ave., Cedar Knolls New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. The following individuals were present: Treasurer Marc Slaff, Secretary Phillip Roehrich, Chair Dave Welch, Assist Treasurer Bob McEwan and Vice Chair, Louise Davis. Others present: Joe Dunn, Shelly Zellars, Ken Roehrich

Member Roll Call by Shelly Zellars

Member Welch yes
Member Davis yes
Member Slaff yes
Member Roehrich yes
Member McEwan Yes

Correspondence- Memo Nomination for outstanding farmer Amy Ashley Motion made by Member Davis, Seconded by Member McEwan. All approved. Motion carried.

Minute's approval- motion to approve made by Member McEwan, second by Member Slaff and all approved. Motion carried. Member Welch and Member Davis to abstain due to absence at last months meeting.

Forestry- Presentation at Schooleys Mountain lodge last month for Forestry program. 20 participants and a ½ of them were forestry clients. Speakers included Don Donnelly, Dan Mull, Joe Dunn. A few signed up for program. Refreshments were served.

Personnel- 5% salary increase. Motion made by Member Davis, second by Member McEwan all approved and motion carried. Retroactive since July 2012. Review will be performed 6 months later for possible 5% raise in December. Let the record reflect that this is the first salary increase since 2008.

Finance- We seem to be seeing increase in income. Mr. Dunn commented that he seemed to see a bottom out in December of 2011. Motion made by Member Davis to pay the bills of October 2012, second by Member Roehrich and all approved. Motion carried.

NRCS- Progress

Managers Report- Mr. Dunn attended special meeting on October 15 at the state committee regarding the restructuring of the 251 program. A 2-3 page report was submitted to Lieutenant governor by Secretary Fisher. The district was given 90 days to respond. 4 committees were formed.

- District review
- Finance review
- Training for supervisors and staff
- Policies

Mr. Dunn also commented that he is hoping the 4 committees will work well together.

We have been notified by the Warren District that they would like to take the detention files from our office to theirs. Mr. Dunn is not completely happy with this arrangement subjecting our files to loss of content. We are trying to resolve. We have offered a computer and separate work area for them to come here during working hours. They have also requested that they be allowed access to the building after hours.

Extension- progress

Resolutions- Motion made by Member Slaff and seconded by Member Davis that we accept all the resolutions as submitted.

As follows:

Tree Planting for Jeanette will follow meeting. In dedication to the 18 years as a supervisor for the district. We have planted 12 trees in a detention basin with a plaque to honor her. Staff and supervisors will meet at the site following the meeting and present her with plaque and hold a little ceremony.

Fenimore Landfill- The owner of the landfill is now in the troughs with town and DEP. Residents are upset with the 180 trucks per day going down the road. A new road has been approved to help with the problem. DEP will pay for its construction.

Annual conference will be held on Nov 19 in East Windsor. We will be using a county van to transport supervisor and staff that have signed up for the day.

251 Certification

RFA Authorizations

Motion to adjourn at 1:35 p.m.